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## Local innkeeper's tax increases to 8% Jan. 1

**BY BOB DEMAREE**

An increase in the innkeeper's tax for Jefferson County takes effect Jan. 1, going from 5% to 8%.

The increase, initiated by the Jefferson County Board of Tourism (JCBT), needed approval by the Indiana General Assembly and the Jefferson County Council, which was achieved earlier this year.

The innkeeper's tax, a user fee levied on all rooms in hotels, motels, bed and breakfasts, Airbnbs and other lodgings, was established for Jefferson County in 1981 at 4% and increased to 5% in 1987 with no change until this year.

In last week's JCBT meeting, board member Jim Bartlett reminded stakeholders that applications for tourism partnership grants — which are funded by the tax — are due March 3. Applicants will formally present their grant requests to the JCBT board March 17 and award winners will be announced March 24.

Board member Wendy Lawson emphasized grant recipients need to have followed up with JCBT to explain how funds have or will be utilized to benefit local tourism. In the past, whether groups have followed up with the board has been considered a factor in JCBT's decision on grant awards.

The meeting was the last board members Lawson and Victoria Perry, whose terms are ending.

"It's been such an educational, eye-opening experience," said Lawson, who said she has been pleased with the Jefferson Coun-

ty Tourism Alliance that was established through the work of JCBT.

Lawson also said she has been impressed with the work of Visit Madison Inc., directing her comments to VMI Executive Director Andrew Forrester and VMI Marketing Director Sarah Prasil, who were in attendance. "The things you have done has been really fun to watch."

## SWORN TO SERVE



Jefferson County Republican elected officials took their oaths of office on Thursday at the courthouse including (from left): **Mike Pittman**, County Surveyor; **Heather Foy** and **Pam Crozier**, both County Council-at-Large; **D.J. Mote**, Circuit Court Judge; **David Bramer**, County Commissioner Lower District; **Meghan Crowley Hoskins**, County Treasurer; **Bobby Little**, County Commissioner Middle District; **Amy Storm Stephens**, County Recorder; and **Gary Copeland**, County Council-at-Large.



**Mike Pittman** and his wife, **Linda**, kiss after he was sworn in for his second term as County Surveyor on Thursday morning.



County Commissioners **Bobby Little** and **David Bramer** were both sworn in Thursday to serve another four-year term. **Little**, first elected in 2012, will be serving his fourth term while **Bramer**, first elected in 2016, will be serving his third term. Pictured applauding during the ceremony are (from left): Front — **Jeanine Little**, **Bobby Little's** wife; **Bobby Little**; and their granddaughter, **Addison Timm**; Back — **David Bramer** and his wife, **Meg Bramer**.

## New Year's closings

City of Madison offices, including City Hall, the water office, transfer office and the Brown Gym, will be closed Wednesday, Jan. 1, in observance of New Year's Day. All offices will re-open for regular business hours, Thursday, Jan. 2. Wednesday and Thursday trash pickup will be delayed by one day.

Jefferson County offices will be closed Wednesday, Jan. 1, for New Year's Day, re-opening Thursday, Jan. 2. There will be no trash drop-off collection on Jan. 1 with service delayed one day the remainder of that week.

The town of Hanover offices will be closed Wednesday, Jan. 1, for New Year's Day, and reopen Thursday, Jan. 2.

## Two Madison men dead after shooting incident

**BY THE COURIER STAFF**

Two Madison men were fatally wounded early Thursday morning during an alleged break-in at a home on North Bulldog Drive in Smyrna Township in Jefferson County.

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Department is leading an investigation into a shooting that was reported in a 911 call received from the residence at approximately 3:48 a.m. Thursday when the caller advised that he had shot two people who had broken into his residence.

Deputies with the sheriff's office arrived at the scene, which is located just off West Deputy Pike Road between Smyrna and Volga, at 3:53 a.m. and secured the scene. Two male individuals were found dead at the residence.

The two deceased men were later identified as Dalton Keith Skirvin, 27 of Madison, and Kaleb Adam Skirvin, 29, also from Madison. Next of kin notification was made by the Jefferson County Coroner's Office.

The investigation is ongoing and police have indicated there is no immediate danger or risk to the general public.

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office is being assisted in the investigation by the City of Madison Police Department, Indiana State Police, the Jefferson County Coroner's Office, Jefferson County 911/Central Dispatch, and the Jefferson County Prosecutor's Office.

## CHARLIE'S BEAT

# The music promoters of Madison

Regular readers of this column might recall I did a story last week on two of our local impresarios, Jed Skillman and Steve Thomas. The two of them put together a Christmas music event at Thomas Family Winery last Friday that was truly special. My wife and I stopped in for a while and the atmosphere was warm and magical. The room was full without being overly packed. It was a lovely and memorable evening among friends.

But this week I wanted to talk about another type of



**CHARLIE ROHLFING**  
CHARLIE'S BEAT

music enabler, a type that Madison is fortunate to have in abundance. I'm talking about the concert and festival promoters who devote tremendous energy, time, and often personal expense, to bring us the multi-band events that help define us as one of America's favorite weekend getaway towns.


One that comes immediately to mind, and one I will be covering with a more in-depth story in the future, is the Kindred Folk Society, descendants of the old RiverRoots Festival, and keepers of the folk music flame here in Madison.

This group of intrepid volunteers, energized by Jane Vonderheide, is planning a new music series for 2025 called "Still Folkin.'" They also put on a one-day mini RiverRoots a year or so ago, and they are always scheming their next big project.

Another festival promoter who has made a big impact in a short time is Tony Novello and his MadHop Music Festival. Tony is introducing a new schedule of concerts he's calling the "Hop Sessions" that will happen at venues around town, all with an eye toward building momentum and enthusiasm for the big all-day MadHop Fest in early November.

On the festival front, we also have a brand new event on the horizon, promoted and produced by Brent Turner and Drew Eades, also known by their company name, Unbroken Circle. The inaugural Unbroken Circle Music Festival is slated for early September this year, but the line-up announcement will be coming soon in the new year. This will be a multi-genre festival, with well-known national touring bands headlining the 3-day event. This one will generate some major regional excitement, I feel certain.

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# Trimble health department to close Jan. 2 through Feb. 4 for upgrades

**BY PAXTON MEDIA GROUP**  
The Trimble County Health Department will be closed Jan. 2 through Feb. 4 while improvements are made to the look and functionality of the building in Bedford. Located at 138 Miller Lane, the facility is part of the North Central District Health Department system. The Bedford office is scheduled to receive new floors, fresh paint and other upgrades.

Those needing health department services in Trimble County are asked to utilize the Henry County Health Department, 75 Park Road in New Castle. Trimble County WIC appointments will be available virtually and those needing assistance with an appointment or a WIC visit, can contact the Henry County Health Department at 502-845-2882. In addition, if you need to schedule an appointment or have ques-

tions for the Environmental office, contact Amy Tingle at 502-255-4851 or at AmyL.Tingle@ky.gov. Any updates or changes to the renovation schedule will be shared on the health department’s social media channels and website. You can follow North Central District Health Department on Facebook at NCDistrictHD, on Twitter @NCDistrict, and on the website at www.NCDHD.com.

## NEWS OF RECORD

**JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER**  
**Lodgings**  
**December 23, 2024**  
Kristin Renee Semon, 30, Madison, for Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 5 felony; Possession of a Syringe, a Level 6 felony; and Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor. No bond.  
**December 25, 2024**  
Ramon Escobilla Perez, 53, for Operating While Intoxicated, a Class A misdemeanor; and Operating Without Ever Obtaining a License, a Class C misdemeanor. Bond \$500 cash.  
William E. Zearing Jr., 35, Madison, on two bench warrants and multiple warrants for probation violation (invasion of privacy and violations of protective orders). Bond a combined \$16,000 cash.

**JEFFERSON COUNTY CIRCUIT & SUPERIOR COURT**  
**Sentencings**  
**December 20, 2024**  
Marshall Reed Humes, 27, Madison, to an amended charge of Driving While Suspended, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days with credit for 140 day served and 40 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$339.50 in fees and court costs.  
Julian Dean Paxton, 38, Scottsburg, to amended charges of Public Intoxication, a Class B misdemeanor and Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days on the B misdemeanor with credit for 4 days served and 176 days suspended to supervised probation consecutive to 60 days jail on the Class C misdemeanor, all suspended to supervised probation and ordered to pay

\$789 in fees and court costs. If defendant successfully completes probation on Class B misdemeanor, probably in Class C misdemeanor may be converted to unsupervised.  
**December 23, 2024**  
Amy J. Gordon, 47, Madison, for Theft, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail, all suspended to unsupervised probation plus \$189 in court costs.  
Austin Matthew Jones, 36, Madison, for Theft, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 365 days jail with credit for 2 days served and 363 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$389 in fees and court costs and \$41.96 restitution to Walmart.  
**REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS**  
**Jefferson County**  
**December 23, 2024**  
Auditor of Jefferson County Heather Huff, Jefferson County Auditor Heather

Huff, Stephen T. Sprong, Ira D. Sprong and Linda Starrett to Wiper Corporation, 8280 West Kent Blankenship Street, Madison.  
Auditor of Jefferson County Heather Huff, Jefferson County Auditor Heather Huff and Betty J. Bartlett to Wiper Corporation, 8200+ North 900 West, Commiskey.  
Madison Plaza Group LLC to BFR Madison LLC, two parcels totaling approximately 8.5 acres at 2528 and 2542 Michigan Road, Madison.  
Jared Hill and Laura Ellen Hill to Jared Noah Hill and Laura Ellen Hill (trustees) and Hill Family Trust, 2517 Poplar Ridge Lane, Madison.  
Robert Wallace to Ravinder Bevli, 755+ West Third Street, Madison.  
Angela Lockridge and Clayton C. Willoughby (estate) to Angela Lochridge and Gregory Lockridge, 5601 and 5610 North Dow Ridge Road, Madison.

## MUSIC

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A couple of our most popular and longest running festivals are actually owned and promoted at an institutional level, not individual. Ribberfest BBQ and Blues Festival in August is owned by VisitMadison, our tourism bureau. And Soup Stew Chili & Brew in the fall is managed by the Madison Chamber of Commerce. Both of these events have grown and thrived over the years, and in many ways have served to put Madison “on the map” as a beloved getaway spot and a music town to be reckoned with. Not to be outdone by the other big weekend fests, Madison Regatta Inc. has built up a solid reputation with their Roostertail Music Festival during the July 4th weekend. This year the focus is going to be more straight ahead country in the choice of bands, which should have a wide appeal and be a good fit with the boat racing crowd.

When you combine these big festivals with Madison’s consistent week-in and week-out small venue music scene, you get a total entertainment ecosystem that is truly unmatched anywhere else in Indiana, and maybe the entire Midwest. Madison is now officially trademarked as “Indiana’s Music City,” and it’s not just talk. We are walking the walk!

**HOT TIP OF THE WEEK**  
This week’s superlative nomination for our favorite bars in Madison, I have to put forward the Off Broadway Taproom as the “tastiest” music spot in town. There are several venues in town that have music and meals, including Rivertown Grill, the Drake, the newly opened Mad Paddle, 1st Street Saloon and the floating Lighthouse (in season.) But for sheer flavor, local ingredients and inventiveness, the dishes being created by Chef Gabby at the Taproom get my vote for the tastiest spot to enjoy a brew, some great food, and live music. This Friday at the Taproom the

incomparable Anthony Ray Wright will be on the famous “Hydroplane Stage” playing his version of honky tonk and classic country. Make it your end of year resolution to be there!  
Charlie Rohlfling is a retired advertising man and partner in The Red Bicycle Hall music venue. Look for his distinctive fedora bobbing above the crowd, anywhere live local music is happening.

**MUSIC EVENTS SCHEDULE**  
**Wednesday, December 25**  
The Central — Jam w/ Jimmy  
**Thursday, December 26**  
Tailgators — Indiana Bob (8-11 p.m.)  
Rivertown Grill — Zach Hackney (7-10 p.m.)  
**Friday, December 27**  
First Street Saloon — Canyon Wolf Band

Off Broadway Taproom — Anthony Ray Wright (8 p.m.)  
The Central — Smokin Jokers  
The Drake — Jimmy Davis Band  
Tailgators — Rachel Holt (8 p.m.-midnight)  
Rivertown Grill — Vaguely Familiar (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)  
**Saturday, December 28**  
First Street Saloon — DJ Nate  
Thomas Family Winery — Jimmy, Billy, and Friends  
The Drake — Joe & Deano (7:30-10:30 p.m.)  
Rivertown Grill — Crossfire Band (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)  
Tailgators — The Mood (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)  
The Central — Free Jukebox (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)  
American Legion — L&L Karaoke Contest (6:45 p.m. sign up)  
**Sunday, December 29**  
Rivertown Grill — Ruben Guthrie (7-10 p.m.)

**WEATHER**  
**Sunrise:** 7:57 a.m.  
**Sunset:** 5:28 p.m.  
**Temperature:** High 52, Low 42, Mean 47.0, Excess 7.9  
**Precipitation since last published:** .04  
**Precipitation, December 2024:** 2.60  
**Precipitation, 2024:** 42.74  
**Barometer:** 30.16, Rising  
**River Level at Clifty Creek:** 423.05, Falling  
**Forecast:** Saturday: Showers High 58/Low 50; Sunday: Showers High 53/Low 40; Monday: Mostly cloudy High 52/ Low 45; Tuesday (New Year’s Eve): Rain High 49/Low 30; Wednesday (New Year’s Day): Mostly cloudy High 35/Low 27.

**LOTTERY**  
**INDIANA**  
**Hoosier Lotto:** 5-7-15-19-38-42 (12/25). Next Estimated Jackpot: \$34.5 million. Next Drawing (12/28).  
**Cash Five:** 20-22-26-31-36 (12/25)  
**Cash 4 Life:** 11-17-26-52-53 CB: 4 (12/25)  
**KENTUCKY**  
**Cash Ball:** 10-21-27-31 CB 15 (12/22)  
**Lucky For Life:** 4-7-37-43-47 LB: 8 (12/22)  
**MEGAMILLIONS:** 11-14-38-45-46 MB: 3, MP 3 (12/24). Next Jackpot: \$1.15 billion. Next Drawing (12/27)  
**POWERBALL:** 15-26-27-30-35 PB: 3, PP 3 (12/25). Next Estimated Jackpot: \$145 million. Next Drawing (12/28)  
**POWERBALL DOUBLE PLAY:** 8-29-30-47-57 PB: 1 (12/25). Next Estimated Jackpot: Up to \$10 million. Next Drawing (12/28)


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**DEATH NOTICES**  
**Mary Amos**, 73, North Vernon, IN, died Saturday, Dec. 21, 2024, at Norton Women’s and Children’s Hospital in Louisville. A celebration of life will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11 at Lytle Welty Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Madison, www.lytlewelty.com.  
**Linda Carol Chandler Banks**, 77, of Centerville, OH, and formerly of Carrollton, KY, died Dec. 22, 2024 In Dayton, OH. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 30, at Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton, with burial in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Carrollton, www.tandyecklerlerrileyfuneralhome.com.  
**Shawn Anthony Barnes**, 53, of Madison, IN, died Friday, Dec. 20, 2024, at Norton Audubon Hospital in Louisville. Cremation was chosen with a celebration of life planned by the family. Arrangements by Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, www.morgan-nay.com.  
**Donald C. “Donnie” Clark**, 78, of Campbellsburg, KY, died Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2024. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Ransdell Funeral Home in Campbellsburg and Bedford, KY, www.pansdellfuneral.com.  
**Evon Ralston Gray**, 87, of Pleasant, IN, died Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2024, at Swiss Villa Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Vevay, IN. Arrangements will be announced by Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay, www.haskellandmorrison.com.  
**Harry Bernard Kramer**, 87, of Hanover, IN, died Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2024, in Long Branch City, NJ. Funeral mass will be at noon on Thursday, Jan. 2, at Prince of Peace Catholic Church, in downtown Madison, IN. Burial will be Jan. 3 in Bridgetown Cemetery in Cincinnati, www.newcomercincinnati.com/obituaries/harry-kramer.  
**Christopher Dale Lester**, 43, of Seymour, IN and formerly of Madison and Vevay, IN, died Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2024, at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis, after suffering several strokes. Funeral service was Tuesday, Dec. 24, at Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison. Interment will be at a later date in the Vevay Cemetery in Vevay, www.morgan-nay.com.  
**Deborah Harter Margison**, 76, of Vevay, IN, died Monday, Dec. 23, 2024, at her residence. Arrangements will be announced by Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay, www.haskellandmorrison.com.  
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**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**  
**ACTIVITIES**  
**Story Walk**  
Clifty Falls State Park, Madison  
The Madison-Jefferson County Public Library and Friends of Clifty Falls State Park have established their latest StoryWalk book installation, located along the paved walking loop near the Clifty shelter — a reading adventure that combines outdoor activity, exercise and reading as participants stroll through the park and follow the pages of Old Rock by Deb Pilutti.  
**FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS**  
**Salvation Army Food Bank**  
331 East Main St.  
Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays noon-1 p.m.  
A food giveaway at the red door on east side of building. Bring your own bags.  
For more information, call 812-265-2157.  
House of Hope Food Pantry  
100 East 2nd St., Madison  
Tuesdays 5-7 p.m.; Fridays 9-11 a.m.  
A food giveaway and distribution at the Jefferson County House of Hope Food Pantry in downtown Madison. Please arrive at the pantry 15 minutes prior to closing to be served.  
**CLOTHING DISTRIBUTIONS**  
**Jesus Clothes Closet**  
Trinity United Methodist Church  
412 W. Main St., Madison  
Mondays 9-11 a.m.  
Jesus Clothes Closet distributes free clothing to those in need. For more information, call 812-866-4843.  
**SENIOR EVENTS**  
**Hanover Senior Citizens Center**  
**Exercising:** The Hanover Senior Citizens Program is offering free exercising at the Hanover Park Community Center on Mondays and Thursdays at 10 a.m.  
**Lunch:** The Hanover Senior Citizens Program is serving lunch at noon on Fridays at the Hanover Park Community Center.  
Cost is \$5 and RSVP is required by calling 812-498-2894.  
Madison Senior Citizens Center  
**Senior Meals:** Lifetime Resources will be providing congregate meals at the Madison Senior Center, 208 West Main St. on Tuesday and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Meals are free for anyone over age 60 with a suggested donation of \$6.  
Meals are \$6 for anyone under age 60.  
Game Days: The Madison Senior Citizens Center hosts weekly card days and Bingo at the Senior Citizens Center in downtown Madison.  
The schedule includes Euchre on Mondays and Thursdays from noon until 10 games are completed and Bingo on Tuesdays from 10-11:30 a.m.  
The games are free and open to senior citizens.

**BIRTHDAYS**  
**Editor’s Note:** Got a birthday or anniversary coming up? Send name, date and number of years (optional) to zelda@madisoncourier.com or call 812-265-3641. Please leave your name and phone number in case we have followup questions.  
**DECEMBER 27**  
Rusty Bladen  
Terry King  
**DECEMBER 28**  
Betsey Vonderheide  
December 29  
Tanya Roberts Hess  
**JANUARY 3**  
Amy Slayden Anderson  
Kellie Spoonamore-Gullion  
**JANUARY 9**  
Sharon Ogden



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**OBITUARIES**

**John Harold Cleveland**



John Harold Cleveland, age 69, of Madison, IN, entered this life on Sept. 26, 1955, in Bloomington, IN. He was the son of the late John Gerald Cleveland and Edith Aldine Waltz Cleveland. John graduated from Jeffersonville High School in Jeffersonville, IN, in the class of 1973. After high school, John went to Washington, D.C. where he worked as a Clerk in the office of the F.B.I. It was at this time John decided he wanted to work in law enforcement. He returned to Indiana to take classes at Indiana University Bloomington in Criminal Justice. During his time there he worked as an Indiana University Campus Police Cadet Safety Officer. While he was working there he was offered a position as a Deputy Police Officer at the Monroe County Sheriffs Department. Seeking greater opportunities in 1983, John joined the Indiana State Police and graduated from the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy in Plainfield, IN. He served 42 years as an Indiana State Trooper and retired as a Shift Sergeant on Sept. 25, 2020. During his time as a State Trooper, John worked under cover in drug enforcement, as a member of the under water Dive Team, and as a member of the Tactical Response Team. As an Indiana State Trooper he was a member of the State Fraternal Order of Police. After John retired he enjoyed driving a fruit truck for A. Dattillo Fruit Company in Madison, IN; working as a Loss Prevention Officer for New Model Logistics; and as background and an investigator for the Indiana State

Police. John was well remembered and respected by the ISP Troopers he served with over his 42 year career. John was baptized at First Christian Church in Jeffersonville, IN. He was an active member of the Mt. Byrd Christian Church in Milton, KY. John enjoyed traveling, fishing, riding his bicycle, working outdoors, hanging out in coffee shops, and mostly spending time with his wife, Lilla. John loved his two children Hana Cleveland and Jake Cleveland and would travel across the country to other continents just to spend some time with them. John never met a stranger. He would talk to anyone, anywhere, and made new friends everywhere he went. He was highly intelligent and had a broad ranges of interests. He had an insatiable sense of adventure and loved finding and exploring new places. And he wanted to share those wonderful experiences with his family. John died on Saturday, Dec. 21, 2024, at 6:42 p.m., at his home in downtown Madison, IN, with his loving wife at his side. John will be missed by his loving wife, Lilla Umila Cleveland of Madison, IN; his daughter, Hana Cleveland of Amsterdam, Netherlands; his son, Jack Cleveland of Portland, OR; his step sons, Brent Hysell of FL, Johnathon Umila of

Madison, IN; his step daughters, Danielle Hysell of Louisville, KY, Amber Albert and her husband, Ethan of Santa Monica, CA, Savannah Trapp and her husband, Chris of Madison, IN; his step grandchildren, Damien, Dexter, Lily, and Ashton; his sisters, Renee Cleveland Dean Hampton of Jeffersonville, IN, Lisa Cleveland Laney of Jeffersonville, IN; his brothers, Gary Cleveland of Jeffersonville, IN, Brian Cleveland and his wife, Terri of Charlestown, IN; his brother in law, Gabriel Umila of Louisville, KY; his sister in laws, Beatrice Umila of Jeffersonville, IN, Benita Hammons of Smithfield, KY, Linda Foy of Virginia Beach, VA, Patty Boston of Louisville, KY, Neri Umila of New Albany, IN; several nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his father, John Gerald “Gary” Cleveland, and his mother, Edith Aldine Waltz Cleveland. Funeral services will be conducted Monday, Dec. 30, 2024, at 10 a.m., by Bro. Aaron Snelling at the Mt. Byrd Christian Church, 92 Peck Pike in Milton, KY. nterment will follow in the Moffett Cemetery in Milton, KY. Friends may visit Sunday, Dec. 29, 2024, from 4 — 7 p.m., and Monday, Dec. 30, 2024, from 9 a.m. until the time of service at the Mt. Byrd Christian Church, 92 Peck Pike in Milton, KY. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at [www.morgan-nay.com](http://www.morgan-nay.com).

**Johnnie Reed Adkins**



Johnnie Reed Adkins, age 75, of Hanover, IN, entered this life on Nov. 14, 1949, in Portland, TN. He was the loving son of the late Johnnie Oliver and Nannie Perdue Adkins. He was a 1967 graduate of Valley High School in Louisville, KY. He entered the United States Navy on Jan. 13, 1969, in Louisville, KY, and rose to the rate Aviation Machinist’s Mate Petty Officer Third Class serving in the Vietnam War. He was honorably discharged on April 20, 1973, at San Diego, CA, receiving the National Defense Service Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal. He was united in marriage to Toni Gay Anderson on Sept. 14, 1974, in Louisville, KY. This happy union of 50 years was blessed with three daughters, Shaleena, Shannon, and Sheri. He attended Watterson College in Louisville, KY, for three years. He worked as a laborer at General Electric for 37 years before retiring on N 3, 2003. He owned Johnnie Reb’s Bar in Hanover for several years and spent most of his life in Jefferson County since 1974. He was a member of Lick Branch Baptist Church at Deputy, IN. He enjoyed collecting coins, boating, and camping. He loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren,

and great-grandchildren. Johnnie died on Sunday, Dec. 22, 2024, at 2:53 a.m., at the Robley Rex Veterans Medical Center in Louisville, KY. Johnnie will be missed by his loving wife of 50 years, Toni G. Anderson Adkins of Hanover, IN; his loving daughters, Shaleena Helton and her companion, Timothy Poynter of Hanover, IN, Shannon Ritchie and her husband, Barry of Madison, IN, Sheri Purvis and her companion, Richard Anderson of Vevay, IN; his loving grandchildren, Jessica, Amber, Shelby, Lyndsey, Brandy, Stacy, Amanda, Channing, Tony, Charlie, and Caitlyn; his adoring great-grandchildren, MaKenzie, Kylee, Gracie, Adysynn, Destani, Zane, Brysan, Jesse, Alexis, Aidan, Lexi, Haley, Trysten, Emma, Peyton, Maleah, Maddox, Baliegh, Emmersyn, Scarlett, Clara, Vaida, and Charlee; his brother, Steven Adams of Louisville, KY, and James Adams and his wife, Karen of Louisville, KY; his sister, Donna Pryor and her husband,

Roger of Louisville, KY; his brothers in law and sisters in law, Ron and Lucy Anderson of Hanover, IN, Brenda Estes of Hanover, IN, Susie and Charlie Horton of Kent, IN, Kathy and Larry Cooper of Madison, IN, and Karen Walker of Evansville, IN. He was preceded in death by his father, Johnnie Oliver Adkins, his mother, Nannie Perdue Adkins, his sister, Rhoda Raleigh, his step-sister, Sheila Webb, and his step brother, Mickey Adams. Funeral services will be conducted on Sunday, Dec. 29, 2024, at 1 p.m., by Pastor Joe Smedley at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN. Inurnment will follow at a later date in the Grandview Memorial Gardens, 9306 North U.S. 421 in Madison, IN. Friends may visit Sunday, Dec. 29, 2024, from 11 a.m., until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN. Military honors will be provided by the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion. Memorial contributions may be made to the Jefferson County Animal Shelter. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at [www.morgan-nay.com](http://www.morgan-nay.com).

**Caroline Marie McRoberts**



Caroline Marie McRoberts changed the world. Born Aug. 28, 2013, in Dayton, OH, she was the tiniest baby her mama had ever held. She was welcomed to the world by her loving parents, Matthew and Beth, her big sister Caitlyn, and her big brother Charlie. Her favorite place to be was held, especially by her mama. She would only sleep being held in our arms or in the carrier, and spent the first few months of her life snuggled right up. Caroline was a precious toddler with giant Disney princess eyes and the tiniest sweetest voice like a bell. She had a set of lungs when she was mad though, that’s for sure. When she was just 20 months old, her family moved to Colorado to be stationed at Peterson Air Force Base. In CO, Caroline had many adventures. She loved to explore the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo, feeding the giraffes and watching the otters play. She loved to hike with her family in Rocky Mountain National Park, and explore all the beauty surrounding her. She attended preschool and enchanted everyone she met. She adored her chicks, which she helped raise in the house and then bring outside to the backyard when they were old enough. Caroline loved to help her mama in the garden, whether it was pulling weeds, planting seeds, or picking carrots, and cucumbers. The only vegetable she didn’t like was zucchini. When she was four years old, Caroline was diagnosed with brain cancer for the first time. A tiny warrior, she fought courageously when no child should have to. She endured countless hospital visits, procedures, and pokes. She finished treatment for the first time in March of 2020. After moving to Indiana in June 2019, Caroline started Kindergarten at Pope John Elementary in Madison, IN. She loved her teachers and classmates, and enjoyed learning and playing with friends at recess. During the pandemic, Caroline was homeschooled with her brother and sister. She learned how to read, and spent lots of beautiful time with her family, including her beloved Nana, and PopPop, and Aunt Jen. She played countless board games with her brother and sister. She learned how to sew and did crafts with her Nana. She sat on PopPop’s lap at the kitchen table, and laughed with Aunt Jen. She returned to Pope John in second grade, and thrived there. She was a straight A student, was much beloved by her teachers, and classmates, and participated in Girls on the Run, Running Club, the Girls basketball team, and the archery team. She was learning to play the clarinet, and hoped to join the marching

band in seventh grade. She loved cheering her brother and sister on in the Shawe Band of Gold and traveled to as many of their competitions as she could. In June of 2024, Caroline was diagnosed with her second brain cancer. She fought so courageously through devastating treatments, side effects, and long days and nights in the hospital. She received so much love and support from her friends, family, and a beautiful community, who was cheering her on. In Nov, she had the night of her life attending the Taylor Swift concert in Indianapolis. She was so thankful for the incredible friends, neighbors, and even strangers, who came together to give her tickets, and a wonderful weekend with her family and friends. Caroline loved to dance. She loved music. Listening to her playlist helped her survive through grueling radiation treatments and long nights in the hospital. She loved to read and listen to audiobooks, and spent hours listening to books, and coloring, or making bracelets. One of her favorite things was listening to Nana tell Royal Family stories. Caroline was Princess Hallibierne and always helped to tell the story. Caroline had great style, and loved fashion, and color. She had so much fun shopping with her friends and wearing matching outfits. She picked the perfect outfit for her first concert and rocked that look like a star. Caroline loved animals and nature and being with her family. She loved to swim and swing on the treehouse at PopPop’s house. Her very favorite place to be was home. When the time came, all she wanted in the world was to be home with her family and surrounded by the comfort and love of her people, stuffies, and dogs. And that is what she received. Caroline Marie changed the world. Maybe not the whole world, but she changed the world of everyone who loved her. She taught us to laugh. She taught us to look for joy in the midst of pain and darkness. She taught us how to advocate for her and ourselves. She taught us how to breathe deeply and speak up for what we need. She taught us to love, and to come together to support each other through impossible circumstances. Her life was precious and beautiful, and far too short. A hundred years

with our girl wouldn’t be enough. Caroline did not give up. She did not lose her battle. Cancer did not beat her. Her body simply knew that she had endured enough, that she had been stronger than any person ever, and that it was time for rest. Caroline was a warrior, but she was also a child. And that child needed to rest. Peacefully, surrounded on all sides by love, Caroline rested. As she rested, she felt the love of her family in and through her, the love of friends and classmates lifting her up and supporting her, the love of a community who banded together to give her a tremendous gift and who never stopped believing in her. Caroline was welcomed in love to her forever peace by her family waiting for her there — her grandmother Anne, her great grandma and grandpa GG, her great grandmas Carolyn and Eleanor. Caroline was born in love, she lived in love, she was love. She was surrounded by love on every side, and always will be. Caroline will be missed by her loving parents, Dr. Matthew and Beth Freeman McRoberts of Dupont, IN; her loving sister, Caitlyn McRoberts of Dupont, IN; her loving brother, Charles McRoberts of Dupont, IN; her loving maternal grandfather, Randy Freeman of Madison, IN; her loving maternal grandmother, Sharon Freeman of Madison, IN; her loving aunt, Jennifer Freeman of Madison, IN; her paternal uncles, Doug Klobutcher of Idaho, Shawn McRoberts of Wash., Bryan Bivens of Las Vegas, NV, and Luke McRoberts of Phoenix, AZ; as well as numerous extended family members. Services will be conducted on Monday, Dec. 30, 2024, at 5:30 p.m., by Father Christopher A. Craig at the Father Hilary Meny Gymnasium at Shawe Memorial High School, 201 W. State St. in Madison, IN. Immediately following the ceremony there will be a meal in the Pope John Cafeteria for family and friends. Private graveside services will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2024, by Pastor Chris Hostetler in the Fairmount Cemetery in Madison, IN. Friends may visit Monday, Dec. 30, 2024, from 2 — 5 p.m., at the Father Hilary Meny Gymnasium at Shawe Memorial High School, 201 W. State St. in Madison, IN. Memorial contributions may be made to Prince of Peace Schools in her name or to the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at [www.morgan-nay.com](http://www.morgan-nay.com).

**DEATH**

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**Richard Dale Marshall**, 76, of Sanders, KY, died Dec. 22, 2024, in Louisville. Funeral service is at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, at Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton, with burial in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Carrollton, [www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com). **Clarris Rosebrock**, 83, of Versailles, IN, died Monday,

Dec. 16, 2024, at Swiss Villa Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Vevay, IN. Funeral service will be held at the convenience of the family with burial in the Tanglewood Cemetery near Versailles. Arrangements by Stratton-Karsteter Funeral Home in Versailles, [www.skfuneralhome.com](http://www.skfuneralhome.com). **Alvin J. Summy**, 87, of Center Square, IN, died Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2024, at his residence. Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 27, at the Old Order

Amish Community Center near Vevay, IN, with interment to follow in the Old Order Amish Cemetery in Center Square. Arrangements by Haskell and Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay, [www.haskellandmorrison.com](http://www.haskellandmorrison.com). **Rick L. Vance**, 64, of Dupont, IN, died Friday, Dec. 20, 2024, at Norton King’s Daughters’ Health in Madison, IN. Funeral service is 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, [www.morgan-nay.com](http://www.morgan-nay.com).

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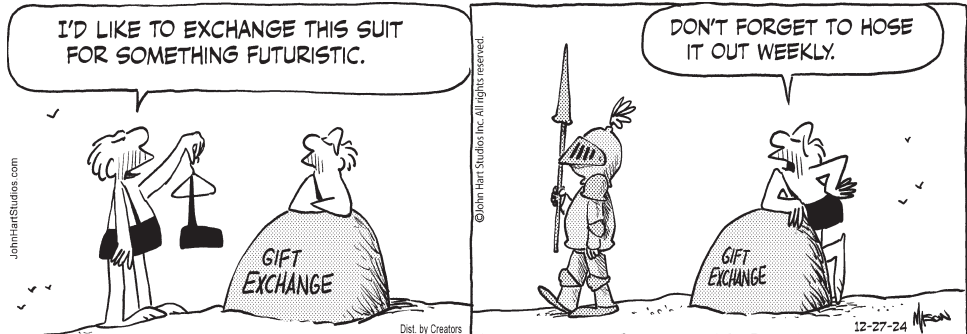
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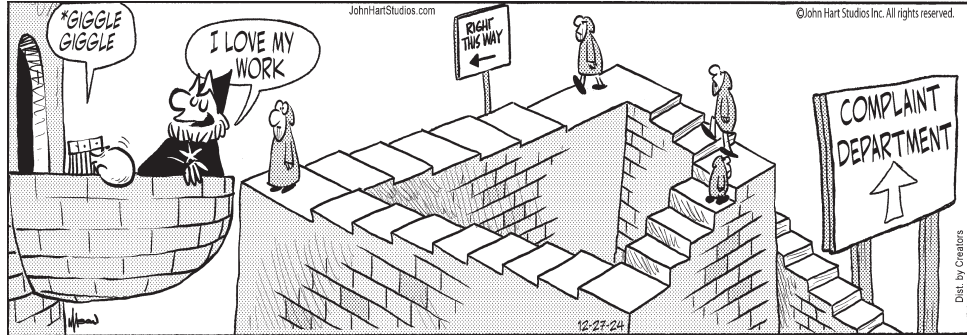
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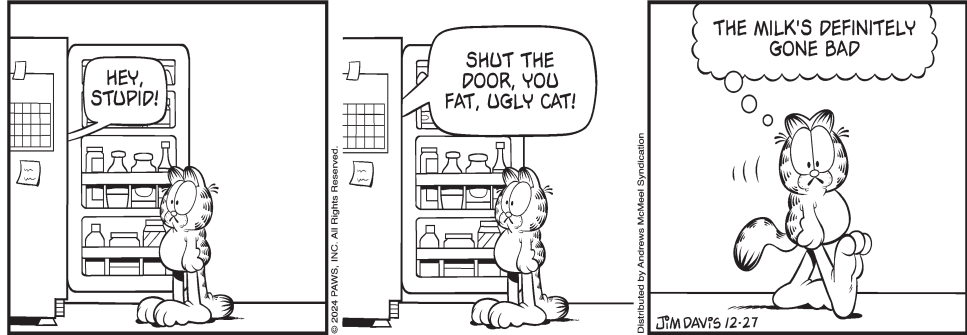
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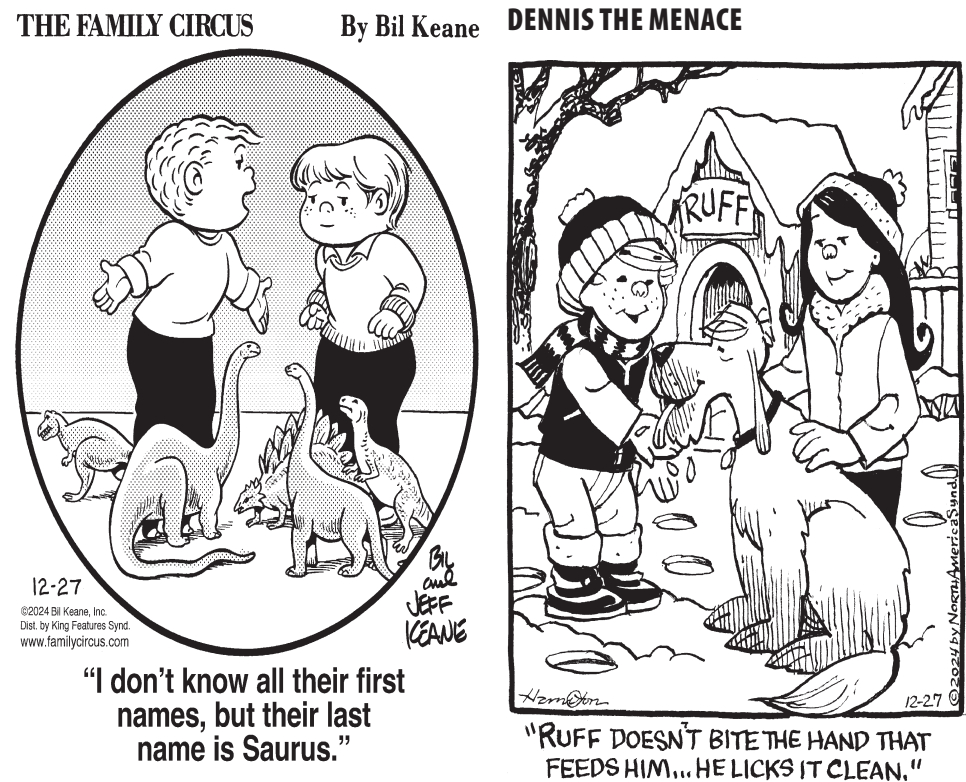
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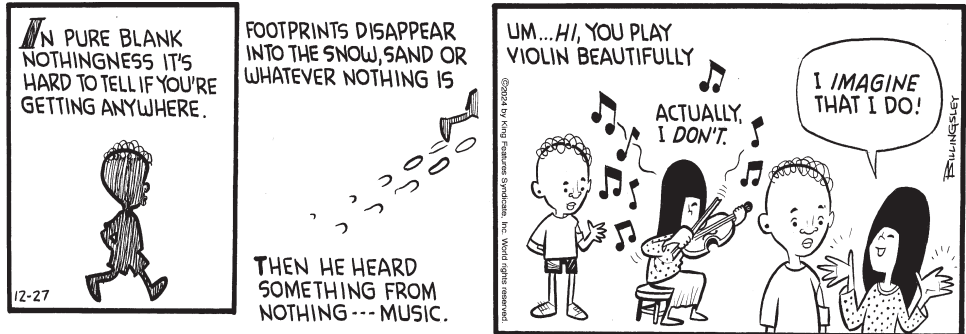
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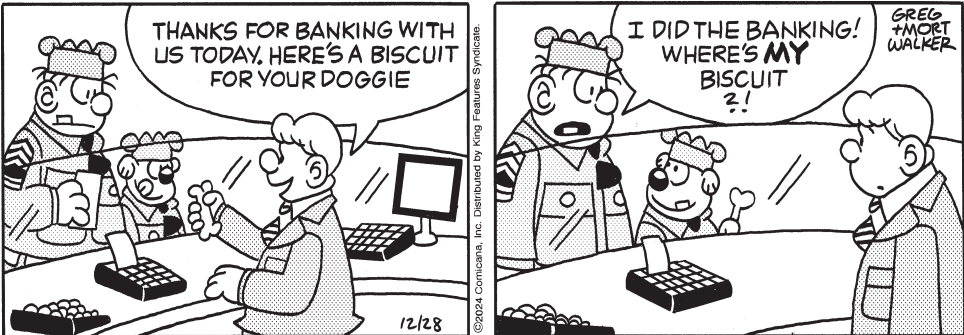
Today is Friday, Dec. 27, the 362nd day of 2024. There are four days left in the year.

**Today in history:**  
On Dec. 27, 2007, former Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto was assassinated in a shooting and bomb attack that killed at least 20 people in the city of Rawalpindi, Pakistan.

**Also on this date:**  
**In 1831**, naturalist Charles Darwin set out on a round-the-world voyage aboard the HMS Beagle.  
**In 1904**, James Barrie's play "Peter Pan: The Boy Who Wouldn't Grow Up" opened at the Duke of York's Theater in London.  
**In 1932**, New York City's Radio City Music Hall opened to the public.  
**In 1945**, the International Monetary Fund was formally established as its first 29 member countries ratified its Articles of Agreement.  
**In 1968**, the Apollo 8 capsule splashed down safely in the Pacific, completing the first crewed mission to orbit the moon.  
**In 1979**, Soviet forces seized control of Afghanistan. President Hafizullah Amin, who was overthrown and executed, was replaced by Babrak Karmal.  
**In 1985**, American naturalist Dian Fossey, 53, who had studied mountain gorillas in Africa for nearly 20 years, was found murdered in her cabin in Rwanda.

**Today's Birthdays:**  
Basketball Hall of Fame coach Nolan Richardson is 83. Rock musician Mick Jones (Foreigner) is 80. Basketball Hall of Fame coach Bill Self is 62. TV journalist Savannah Guthrie is 53. Actor Masi Oka is 50. Actor Aaron Stanford is 48. Actor Jay Ellis is 43. Olympic sprint gold medalist Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce is 38. Rock singer Hayley Williams (Paramore) is 36. Country singer Shay Mooney (Dan + Shay) is 33. Actor Timothée Chalamet is 29. NFL quarterback Brock Purdy is 25.

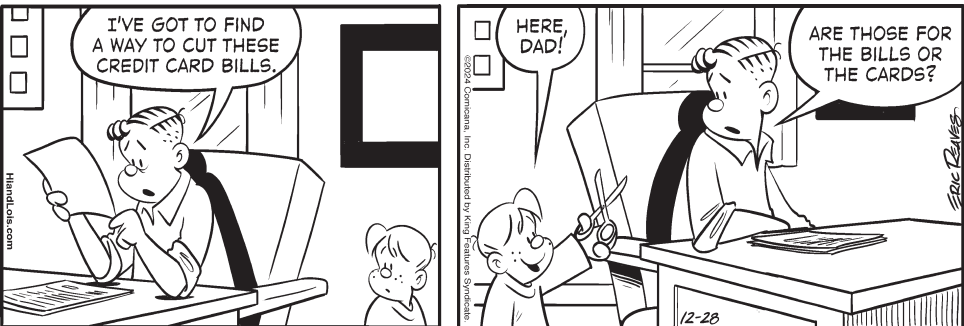
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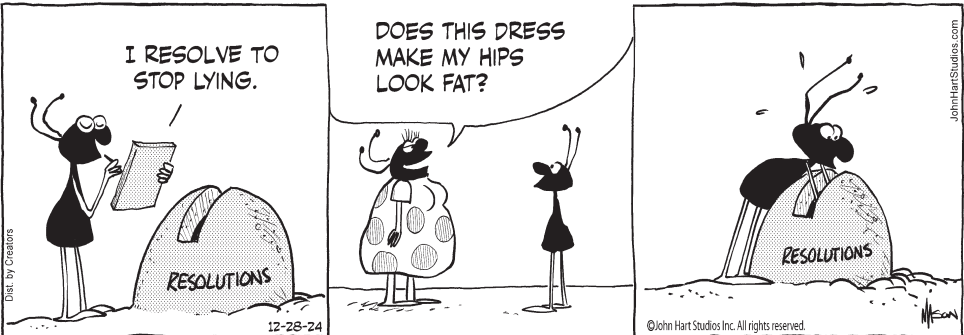
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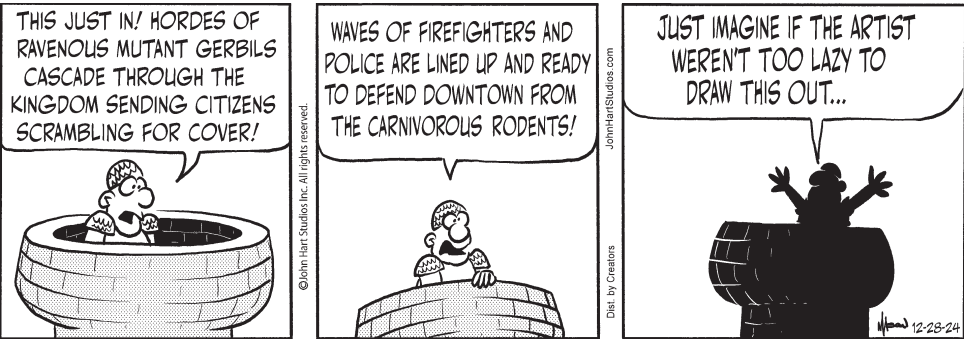
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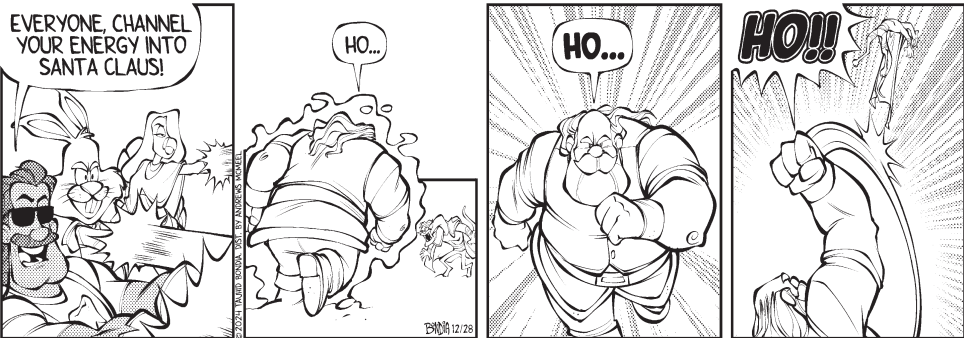
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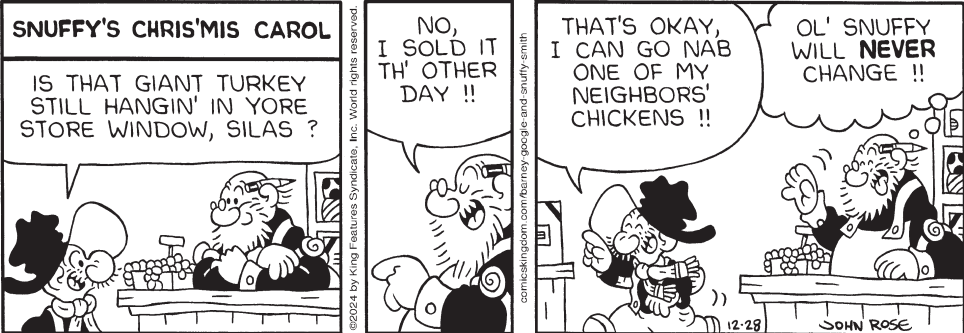
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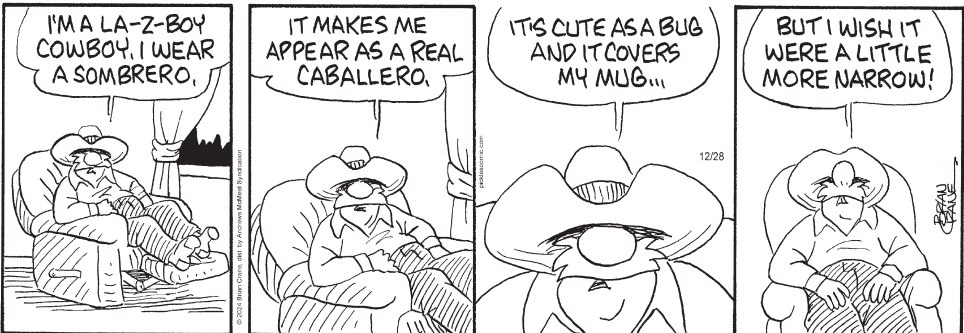
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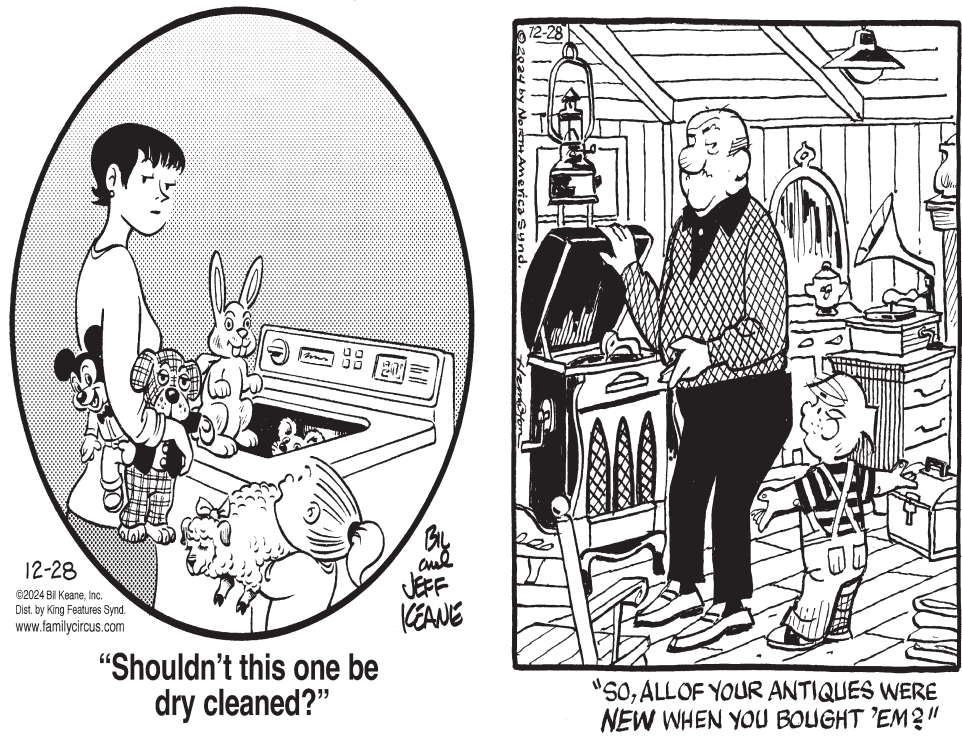


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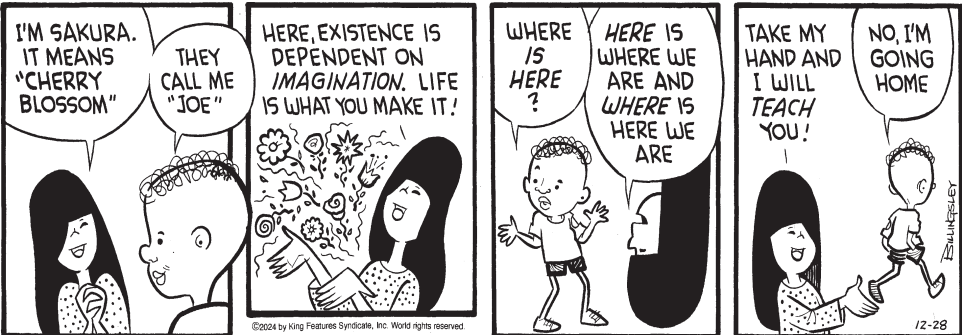
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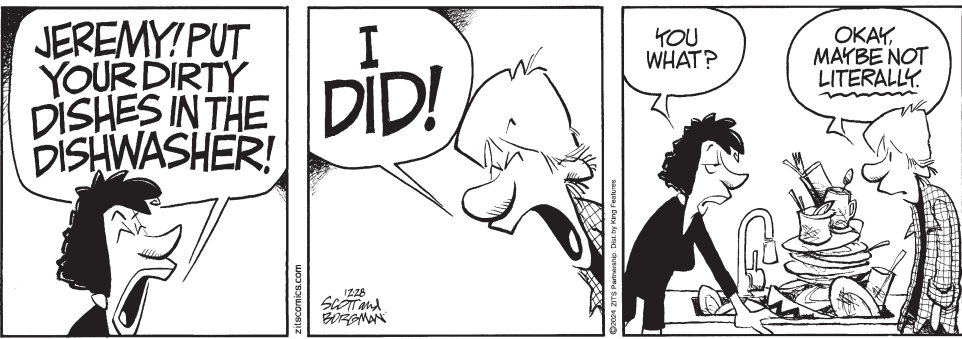
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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Saturday, Dec. 28, the 363rd day of 2024. There are three days left in the year.

**Today in history:** On Dec. 28, 2014, the U.S. war in Afghanistan came to a formal end after 13 years with a quiet flag-lowering ceremony in Kabul that marked the transition of the fighting from U.S.-led combat troops to the country's own security forces.

**Also on this date:** In 1895, the Lumiere brothers, Auguste and Louis, held the first public showing of their films in Paris. In 1908, a major earthquake followed by a tsunami devastated the Italian cities of Messina and Reggio Calabria, killing at least 70,000 people.

In 1912, San Francisco's Municipal Railway began operations with Mayor James Rolph Jr. at the controls of Streetcar No. 1 as 50,000 spectators looked on.

In 1945, Congress officially recognized the Pledge of Allegiance.

In 1972, Kim Il Sung, the premier of North Korea, was named the country's president under a new constitution.

In 1973, the Endangered Species Act was signed into law by President Richard Nixon.

In 1981, Elizabeth Jordan Carr, the first American "test-tube" baby, was born in Norfolk, Virginia.

In 1991, nine people died in a crush of people trying to get into a celebrity charity basketball game at City College in New York.

In 2015, a grand jury in Cleveland declined to indict two white police officers in the killing of 12-year-old Tamir Rice, who was Black. He was shot while carrying what turned out to be a toy pellet gun.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actor Denzel Washington is 70. TV personality Gayle King is 70. Hockey Hall of Famer Ray Bourque is 64. Linux creator Linus Torvalds is 55. Political commentator Ana Navarro is 53. TV host-comedian Seth Meyers is 51. Actor Joe Manganiello is 48. Musician John Legend is 46. Actor André Holland is 45. Actor Sienna Miller is 43. Actor Jessie Buckley is 35.



File  
Hundreds of visitors took advantage of fantastic weather to stroll along the Madison’s riverfront and look at the more than 500 classic vehicles that turned out for the 11th annual Riverfront Run Car Show hosted by the Jefferson County’s River Rat Rodz Car Club in 2022. Cars, pickups, motorcycles and military vehicles began arriving from 12 states at 8 a.m. and stayed until about 5 p.m. for the annual event. The car show has been held annually since 2011 with the exception of 2020 during the COVID pandemic.

# Memorial weekend car show ending after 13 successful years

**BY BOB DEMAREE**

The decision to end the Riverfront Run Car Show wasn’t an easy one for members of the River Rat Rodz Car Club that had began organizing the event in 2011.

Bobby Little, president of the River Rat Rodz Car Club, said the decision was made “after a lot of soul searching.” He noted there are just six members left in the club to run the event that’s become a big tourist draw to Madison annually on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend.

Little noted the event kept getting bigger and bigger annually. In the club’s first year they were hoping for 100 vehicles but ended up with 202, and the show just kept growing from there to 486 in 2021, 519 in 2022 and 643 in 2023. This past year, the registration dropped to 459, but that was still an impressive turnout considering the weather forecast was for severe thunderstorms that day and show car owners avoid those conditions.

As good as it was to grow, Little noted that was also part of the problem. “We grew big too fast for the amount of people we had to put it on,” he said.

He said it became too much work to be enjoyable for the members, and that ending the car show “is something we’ve been kicking around the last

three years” and that this year it finally felt right. “You know when it’s time.”

He noted it’s a similar decision and fate Choice Automobiles of Madison (CAM) made previously when it decided to discontinue the River Run Car Show after 15 years (1996-2010). “They ran into the same hurdle,” said Little, noting the size of the event challenged the small club as the club members aged.

Little said it was the encouragement of Frank Mingione who convinced River Rat Rodz Car Club to take on the task of putting on the car show. “He was so instrumental the first year,” said Little. “We were reluctant about whether to try it, but he said, no you can do it, and I’ll help you.”

Little said the club “struggled through” that first year in putting on the show May 28, 2011, and it was Mingione’s guidance that helped them to make it successful. Mingione died later that year on Dec. 11, but the River Rodz Car Club carried on. “Two or three years after that, we kept critiquing it, and we began to have a game plan we ran with every year.”

He said they loved putting on the car show and car people loved to come out for the event whether to compete or spectate. “The fact was everybody had fun, and that was our intent.

Come to a show and have fun,” he said.

Little said they worked with the car clubs, and made it so their members and friends could be grouped together. “They’d say someone is running late, can you save them a spot? And we’d say, we sure can.”

Club members installed a sound system to add to the aura of the event as speakers played music from Vine to Jefferson streets. Over the last several years they just kept improving and adding speakers. With a total of 34 his past year, Little said, “it’s probably never sounded better.”

Organizers annually give out a lot of trophies including the top 100 plus several specialty trophies, adding to the quality of the car show. “All those trophies sitting on that table, they looked majestic” together, said club member Jeanine Little.

With the event falling on Memorial Day weekend, the car show placed a strong emphasis on honoring veterans. Trophies were red, white and blue, a trophy was given to specifically honor a veteran and the American Legion Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 in Madison participated in the opening ceremonies which included playing the National Anthem and a ceremony with a 21-gun salute.

Little said one his best memories was in 2018 when recognition was given to the family of Maurice Thacker, a World War II veteran who received both a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star for bravery following his service as a frontline medic at Omaha Beach along the coast of Normandy, France.

Approximately eight years ago veterans banners were hung on the lamp posts in the vicinity of Broadway Street and Vaughn Drive including one that honors Thacker. With many in Thacker’s family being car buffs, “I had all the Thackers parked around his banner,” including the 1922 Model T that had been owned by Maurice Thacker when he died Dec. 25, 2012 at the age of 88.

In addition to Bobby and Jeanine Little, other recent active River Rat Rodz Car Club members have included Kenny and Kim Washer and Terry and Charmane Willis. Others with past involvement include Jeff and Peggy Phagan, Don and Becky Cole, and Jeff and Nancy Willis. Cris Sauer also helped put on the car show, and Bobby Little noted that Sauer’s death in May was a blow to the club.

Bobby Little is hopeful that another organization will carry on with the car show. From

the view of the Ohio River and the beautification efforts on Vaughn Drive, “there’s not a better place for a car show in Indiana.”

Little said the club used proceeds from the car show “to give back every chance we could” from scholarships to students for technical education, donations to Shop with a Firefighter, serving as a sponsor for the Fourth of July fireworks and contributing to the purchase of a van for veterans.

Bobby and Jeanine Little said they appreciate the support they have received from people who have volunteered to help the club, and for the assistance from the city of Madison. “The reason it’s been such a success is because of the businesses, their donations, their sponsorships, and the city was gracious to us,” said Bobby Little.

“Our biggest thanks goes to the car people” who brought their cars to participate in making the car show a success with the quantity and quality of cars. “It’s unreal the quality in the five or six years,” said Little.

Jeanine Little noted that while the car show has been good for people who love cars, it’s also been good for Madison. “People who have found us come back not just for the car show, they come back for Madison.”

# VMI ponders how to fill loss of car show Memorial Day weekend

**BY BOB DEMAREE**

The decision by the River Rat Rodz Car Club to discontinue its annual Riverfront Run Car Show left the Visit Madison Inc. staff and board of directors pondering how that will impact local tourism on Memorial Day weekend at its meeting last week.

“It’s a big loss,” said board member Hannah Mahoney, who is also the city of Madison’s director of communications. She noted the car show is a strong draw for tourists while requiring minimal support from the city and VMI. Even though it’s December, Mahoney encouraged tourism officials to begin working now to fill that gap because Memorial Day weekend “will come up really quick on us, and it will be a lost weekend.”

“I have had a couple of conversations with people who want Visit Madison to take it

over,” said VMI Executive Director Andrew Forrester. He noted the car show could even tie into the REVerie Roads regional motor trail experience launched last year and coordinated by VMI.

“I don’t think that is necessarily in the best interest of the event or our organization at this time,” said Forrester but it might be an “opportunity to facilitate a hand off” to another organization to take over running the car show.

Forrester said he’s talked with Jeanine Little, a member of the River Rat Rodz Car Club that has organized the Riverfront Run Car Show for 13 years. She emphasized that if another entity takes over organizing the car show that it should remain the “high quality event that it has been” and that could come down to finding the right organization

that’s willing to put in the work to make it successful.

VMI board member Jim Bartlett noted the Riverfront Run Car Show has been “a lot of work for a very small volunteer base.”

Forrester also suggested the possibility that an entirely different event could be held on that weekend. “Just because we have had a car show on that weekend for a number of years, is there something else we could do that is as big and draw as many if not more people?”

In addition to the River Rat Rodz Car Club stepping away from the Riverfront Run Car Show, the Pilot Club has also announced that it is discontinuing the spring Old Court Days on that weekend. “We’ll have potentially two hits on that weekend,” said Forrester.

Pilot Club plans to continue Old Court Days in the fall, held

the weekend of the Madison Chautauqua Festival of Art.

**IN OTHER BUSINESS**

- Forrester updated that the new trolley that VMI is purchasing for \$237,000 from Hometown Trolley Manufacturing, a company based in Crandon, Wisconsin, now has a delivery date of July, pushed back from the initially scheduled arrival date of May 1. “There are supply chain issues,” he noted.

The trolley is one of two purchased by VMI — the other one purchased for \$167,000 is a used trolley with approximately 20,000 miles on it. VMI approved transferring ownership of the vehicle, which arrived in Madison last month, to the city of Madison. The change of ownership is for insurance purposes but Forrester said the operating agreement stipulates that

the city must offer the trolleys back to VMI if the city no longer wants them.

- Board President Jeff Frazier and Board Vice President Cari Morrison Bear were recognized for completing their terms on the VMI board. Forrester said, “Thank you both for your advice and encouragement,” noting they were always “looking out for the best for Visit Madison, and that has absolutely been valuable.”

Frazier said, “Where we’re leaving VMI at the end of this year with this group, we’ve got it in great shape, but now is not the time to quit” but to continue the work promoting tourism in Jefferson County. “I tell you how proud I am” of what VMI has accomplished in the last few years in spite of challenging circumstances. “Thank you all. It’s been an honor.”

# Madison Farmers Market adjusting operation hours in 2025

**BY THE COURIER STAFF**

Changes are coming starting Jan. 1 in the hours of operation for the Madison Farmers Market with Madison Main Street.

The revised schedule looks to build on the success of the summer evening markets that were piloted in 2024 by providing more opportunities for vendors to expand production during peak seasons while maintaining flexibility. The new format shifts the market from a weekly event to a more focused schedule, allowing staff and volun-

teers more time for recruitment, training and strategic planning. Though market will have fewer events in 2025 — 43 total compared to 54 in 2024.

“These changes will enable our vendors opportunities to restock, revamp, and prepare for a bigger summer market season, making our farmers market a must-see event. It gives us time to plan exciting summer events and more opportunities for the community to engage and participate in our market,” said Brittany Demaree, Madison Farmers

Market manager.

Madison Farmers Market Committee Chair Jared Bates said, “With our passionate farmers, amazing makers, fabulous bakers, devoted volunteers, generous sponsors, loyal shoppers, and great friends like the City of Madison and Trinity United Methodist Church, you just know what a treasure the Madison Farmers Market really is.”

From January to March, the winter market will be held on the first Saturdays — Jan. 4, Feb. 1 and March 1 — from 9 a.m. to

noon. In April, the market will be open all Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon. From May through September, summer market hours will be all Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon with evening market each in June, July, August and September — providing four pop-up markets.

In October and November, the farmers market will be all Saturdays 9 a.m. to noon. In December, the market will be on the first Saturday of the month.

Applications for full-time vendors for the 2025-2026 season

that starts April 4 will open in February. To learn more, interested vendors are invited to attend the Vendor Open House in March, where they can submit applications, ask questions and network with other vendors.

The Madison Farmers Market is held year-round at the Broadway Fountain and serves as the oldest farmers market in Indiana, dating back to 1809. In 2021, the Madison Farmers Market merged with Madison Main Street to ensure continued support and resources.

# ‘A Christmas miracle’

School staff  
rescues man  
from burning  
home

BY JOE DURBIN  
PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

CAMPBELLSBURG, Ky. — Staff members at Campbellsburg Elementary rescued a man in hospice care from a burning home next to the school Monday, Dec. 16 after smoke from the fire was spotted by students.

“We lost many of our possessions in the fire and now have many repairs needed but considering no one was injured and my parents are safe and unharmed, I feel that we were blessed with a Christmas miracle this year,” said the man’s daughter, Leeann Williams.

School officials recounted the incident, which began when students in Sara Peffley’s third grade classroom spotted smoke coming from the house and notified the school office.

“In my 18 years at [the school], that’s a first for me but when I stepped outside and heard someone screaming,” said Gayla McIntosh, school secretary.

“The poor lady was by her car screaming that her husband was still in the house and the garage was engulfed in flames.”

Because the door of the home was locked, Amy Treece, the school’s principal, and Ashley Mikel, a custodian, broke out a window and went inside to rescue the man. McIntosh said her son, Devin McIntosh, also lives close by and came running to help carry the man to a car. She said her son and custodian Larry Tuggle then went back into the burning home and grabbed the man’s oxygen tanks.

McIntosh said while all that was going on, she tried to keep the man’s wife calm.

“[It] definitely could have been a worse scenario but so thankful a teacher called the office to say she saw the smoke,” said McIntosh.

“Words cannot express how grateful we are to everyone who came and helped my parents,” said Williams. “I was 20 minutes away from the house when my mom called telling me smoke was coming out of our garage.”

“I called 911 immediately and started making my way back to the house. When I called my mom back to tell her help was on the way, in a panic, she told me that she could not get to my dad who was still inside because the fire was spreading towards the house. Dad is on hospice care and was stuck in the house, unaware of the danger and that he needed to get out of the house.



Handout

Campbellsburg Elementary School staff members (from left) Ashley Mikel, Amy Treece, Gayla McIntosh and Sara Peffley came to the rescue of a man on hospice care who was trapped in his burning home near the school. Mikel and Treece broke a window to get the man out.



Handout

Shown is some of the burned remains of the garage of the home that caught fire Dec. 16 near Campbellsburg Elementary School.

“While I was returning home, some teachers from the school nearby, Campbellsburg Elementary, saw the smoke from the playground and alerted the office staff. Two of my daughters had attended Campbellsburg Elementary, so we have known the staff at the school for many years. Mrs. Amy Treece, Mrs. Gayla and several

custodial staff ran down to see what was happening and heard mom screaming that my dad was locked inside.

“Together they joined to break through our front window and unlock the doors to get my dad out of the house. They also noticed his oxygen tanks sitting there and grabbed those as well.

“These brave, wonderful people did not hesitate to enter a burning house to save my parents, and I don’t know how to thank them enough.”

Williams said she also wanted to thank the volunteer fire departments from Campbellsburg, New Castle, Lake Jerricho and each of the firefighters and EMS who responded to assist.



Handout

Larry Tuggle, a night custodian at Campbellsburg Elementary, rushed into the burning house to retrieve oxygen tanks.



Devin McIntosh, left, carried the bed-ridden man to a car and then he and Larry Tuggle went back inside the house and grabbed oxygen tanks.

Handiout

“The intensity of the heat from the garage started to spark things in our basement and the firefighters quickly noticed this and broke the basement window to extinguish everything before the house could catch on fire,” Williams said.

## Murder charges reduced in wreck that killed two

Grand jury indicts Pendleton man on vehicular homicide, DUI

BY PAXTON MEDIA GROUP  
NEW CASTLE, Ky. — A Henry County Grand Jury indicted a Pendleton man initially charged with murder on two counts of vehicular homicide and DUI, court records show.



Trustin B. Hasenauer



Holly Hawkins



Austin Doane

Trustin B. Hasenauer, 21, allegedly caused the deaths of Austin Doane, 40 and Holly Hawkins, 31, of Port Royal following an Oct. 4 wreck on La Grange Road.

Hasenauer was also indicted for two counts of leaving the scene of

an accident, having an expired operator’s license and reckless driving, court records show.

A citation generated by the Kentucky State Police alleges Hasenauer was more than twice the legal limit for alcohol when his Chevrolet pickup truck crossed the center line and struck a motorcycle around 10:30 p.m. on La Grange Road.

The driver of the

motorcycle, Doane, was dead when police arrived. The passenger, Hawkins, was receiving what police described as “life-saving measures.” She was transported to the University of Louisville Hospital where she was later pronounced dead by the Jefferson County Coroner’s Office.

Multiple witnesses told police they saw Hasenauer flee from the scene on foot, according to the citation.

The owner of the truck Hasenauer was driving arrived, saying Hasenauer

er had called him and told him he’d been in a wreck and was back at his residence on Fox Run Road.

When police arrived at Hasenauer’s residence, he told them he “thought he hit a deer,” according to the citation. When asked if he had consumed alcohol, Hasenauer allegedly told police he had “one beer.”

After being taken into custody, Hasenauer allegedly told police he left the scene because he was scared and his license was expired. He also allegedly told them he consumed alcoholic beverages at a restaurant in New Castle before the wreck.

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A boat is seen on the Susitna River near Talkeetna, Alaska, on Sunday, June 13, 2021, with Denali in the background. President-elect Donald Trump has once again mentioned the possibility of undoing a 2015 Obama administration decision to rename North America’s highest peak Denali —preferred by native Alaskans — rather than Mount McKinley, which was formally recognized by the U.S. government after a prospector dubbed the 20,310-foot peak in 1896.

# Trump again wants to rename North America’s tallest peak

Denali would once again be Mount McKinley

**BY CLAIRE RUSH**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

President-elect Donald Trump has once again suggested he wants to revert the name of North America’s tallest mountain — Alaska’s Denali — to Mount McKinley, wading into a sensitive and decades-old conflict about what the peak should be called.

Former President Barack Obama changed the official name to Denali in 2015 to reflect the traditions of Alaska Natives as well as the preference of many Alaska residents. The federal government in recent years has endeavored to change place-names considered disrespectful to Native people.

“Denali” is an Athabascan word meaning “the high one” or “the great one.” A prospector in 1896

dubbed the peak “Mount McKinley” after President William McKinley, who had never been to Alaska. That name was formally recognized by the U.S. government until Obama changed it over opposition from lawmakers in McKinley’s home state of Ohio.

Trump suggested in 2016 that he might undo Obama’s action, but he dropped that notion after Alaska’s senators objected. He raised it again during a rally in Phoenix on Sunday.

“McKinley was a very good, maybe a great president,” Trump said Sunday. “They took his name off Mount McKinley, right? That’s what they do to people.”

Once again, Trump’s suggestion drew quick opposition within Alaska.

“Uh. Nope. It’s Denali,” Democratic state Sen. Scott Kawasaki posted on the social platform X Sunday night.

Republican Sen. Lisa Murkowski, who for years pushed for legislation to change the name to Denali, con-

veyed a similar sentiment in a post of her own.

“There is only one name worthy of North America’s tallest mountain: Denali — the Great One,” Murkowski wrote on X.

Various tribes of Athabascan people have lived in the shadow of the 20,310-foot mountain for thousands of years.

McKinley, a Republican native of Ohio who served as the 25th president, was assassinated early in his second term in 1901 in Buffalo, New York.

Alaska and Ohio have been at odds over the name since at least the 1970s. Alaska had a standing request to change the name since 1975, when the legislature passed a resolution and then-Gov. Jay Hammond appealed to the federal government.

Known for its majestic views, the mountain is dotted with glaciers and covered at the top with snow year-round, with powerful winds that make it difficult for the adventurous few who seek to climb it.



Edyta Blaszczyk/Odessa American via AP

Uncle Sam, a 25-year-old bald eagle, sits on his perch in front of a U.S. flag before the Extreme Raptors Show at the Permian Basin Fair in the Ector County Coliseum fairgrounds in Odessa, Texas, on Wednesday Sept. 11, 2013.

# Biden officially makes bald eagle national bird of US

**BY DARLENE SUPERVILLE**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The bald eagle, a symbol of the power and strength of the United States for more than 240 years, earned an overdue honor on Tuesday: It officially became the country’s national bird.

President Joe Biden signed into law legislation sent to him by Congress that amends the United States Code to correct what had long gone unnoticed and designate the bald eagle — familiar to many because of its white head, yellow beak and brown body — as the national bird.

The bald eagle has appeared on the Great Seal of the United States, which is used in official documents, since 1782, when the design was finalized. The seal is made up of the eagle, an olive branch, arrows, a flag-like shield, the motto “E Pluribus Unum” and a constellation of stars.

Congress that same year designated the bald eagle as the the national emblem, and its image appears in a host of places, ranging from documents and the presidential flag to military insignia and U.S. currency, according to USA.gov.

But it had never been officially designated to be what many had just assumed it was — the national bird.

The bald eagle is indigenous to North America.

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## Make Sure You Have Covered All Your Bases With Your Retirement Planning

### Layin’ it on the line

By Stephen Dybwad  
Retirement Planning/  
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Retirement planning can be a challenging task for anyone. While conventional wisdom often zeroes in on savings and investment portfolios, a truly comprehensive plan requires a more nuanced approach. Beyond the numbers and percentages, effective retirement planning addresses a range of factors that contribute to a secure, comfortable future. Let’s explore what it means to have all your bases covered.

**The Limitations of Traditional Planning**

Traditional retirement planning often involves accumulating a nest egg through saving and investing. While these are fundamental steps, they don’t paint the complete picture. A retirement plan should be comprehensive, factoring in diverse elements like healthcare costs, tax implications, and even the emotional aspects of leaving the workforce.

**The Role of Guaranteed Income**

The transition from a regular paycheck to living off savings can be unsettling for many people. A source of guaranteed income can offer a sense of stability and predictability. This is where instruments like annuities can be helpful. They’re not for everyone, but they may provide security that resonates with those who want to mitigate financial risk in their golden years.

**The Protective Layer of Insurance**

Insurance provides a safety net for you and your loved ones, covering specific risks that can otherwise devastate a retirement plan. Whether providing for your family after you’re gone through life insurance or safeguarding against the costs of prolonged healthcare with long-term care insurance, these options serve as financial buoys in uncertain times.

**Smart Tax Planning**

Taxes don’t disappear when you retire; they take a different form. It’s essential to understand how your income in retirement will be taxed and plan accordingly. Some retirement accounts offer tax advantages that could be beneficial in the long run, so exploring all your options is worthwhile.

**The Holistic View**

Effective retirement planning also considers your life goals, health, and happiness. What do you want to do in your retirement years? Travel, pick up new hobbies, or perhaps relocate? Your plan should be flexible enough to accommodate your aspirations while keeping you financially secure.

**Your Retirement Planning Checklist**

To cover all your bases, consider the following elements in your retirement planning:

- 1. Savings and Investments:** Traditional accounts like 401(k)s and IRAs form the foundation.
- 2. Guaranteed Income Options:** Think about whether annuities align with your risk tolerance and income needs.
- 3. Insurance Safeguards:** Consider various types of insurance based on your life circumstances and risk factors.
- 4. Tax Implications:** Assess how your income will be taxed and plan for tax efficiency.
- 5. Additional Income Sources:** Account for pensions, Social Security, and other income streams.
- 6. Lifestyle Choices:** Make room in your budget for travel, hobbies, and other retirement activities.
- 7. Inflation:** Remember that the value of money changes over time; your plan should too.

Ensuring you have all these elements in your retirement plan will equip you with the tools to face the future confidently. Remember, retirement planning is not a one-size-fits-all endeavor. A comprehensive plan is your best ally for a secure, fulfilling future. Consult with a reputable financial advisor or insurance

agent to navigate your options for securing your financial future. Together, you can create a personalized strategy that checks all the essential boxes, giving you peace of mind and freedom to enjoy your golden years.

- **Solidify Your Financial Foundation:** Don’t just rely on savings accounts; diversify your portfolio with traditional accounts like 401(k)s and IRAs to build a strong financial base.
- **Consider Stability with Guaranteed Income:** Assess the role of fixed annuities or other guaranteed income sources in providing a predictable, low-risk income stream during retirement.
- **Risk Mitigation through Insurance:** Evaluate life, disability, and long-term care insurance to form a protective layer against various life uncertainties that could affect your retirement plans.
- **Strategize for Tax Efficiency:** Understand how different income sources will be taxed during retirement and create a plan to maximize tax advantages where possible.
- **Incorporate Multiple Income Streams:** Don’t overlook other income avenues like pensions, Social Security benefits, or even part-time work, to supplement your retirement income.
- **Plan for Your Desired Lifestyle:** Take into account the cost of your retirement dreams-be it traveling, pursuing hobbies, or relocating to ensure you can afford them without financial strain.
- **Future-Proof Against Inflation:** Make sure your retirement plan is flexible and robust enough to adapt to the changing value of money over time, protecting your purchasing power.

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# Bengals clinging to playoff hopes

## Cincy hosts Broncos riding 3-game win streak

**BY MITCH STACY**  
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CINCINNATI — The Cincinnati Bengals took care of business and won three straight games for the first time this season.

Cincinnati is playing its best football, but it might be too late to sneak into the playoffs, with five teams battling for the

two remaining AFC postseason spots.

At 7-8, the Bengals are on the bubble along with two other teams that have the same record, the Colts and Dolphins.

To have a chance, the Bengals will need to beat the visiting Denver Broncos (9-6) on Saturday, then try to take down the Steelers (10-5) at Pittsburgh in

the regular-season finale. They'll need some help from other teams, too.

The rub for the Bengals is that they have yet to beat a team with a winning record this season. Now with some momentum for the first time, the Bengals will have to clear that hurdle.

"It's just what it's supposed to feel like for us. This is our

expectation," coach Zac Taylor said after the Bengals beat the Cleveland Browns 24-6 on Sunday. "We just put ourselves in a position to now play some real meaningful games. ... We found a way to get the win and now we can turn our focus to a short week and the Denver Broncos."

**WHAT'S WORKING**

Joe Burrow became the first player in NFL history to reach for at least 250 yards and three

or more touchdowns in seven consecutive games. One of his TD passes, to Tee Higgins, came as he was falling down. He finished 23 for 30 for 252 yards. ... Ja'Marr Chase continues to build his resume as he strives to win the receiving "triple crown." He had six catches for 97 yards and a touchdown against the Browns and leads the league in receptions, yards and TDs. ... K

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Southwestern's Raygan Crawford has signed to swim for her father coach Jay Crawford at Hanover College. The senior excels in all strokes and is a former sectional champion and state qualifier in the 100-yard butterfly.

David Campbell

# Southwestern's Crawford to swim at Hanover College

**BY DAVID CAMPBELL**

When it came to picking a place to swim at the next level, Raygan Crawford had a very good reason for choosing Hanover College, but it was a different reason that enticed the Southwestern High School senior to stay close to home.

Crawford officially inked her name to swim at nearby Hanover during a ceremony last week, a move that will reunite her with her father Jay, the head swim coach for the Panthers.

But getting a chance to swim for her father was just one reason Raygan made her decision. The other came

down to academics.

"Hanover and Purdue are the only schools that have a doctorate program in veterinary medicine (in Indiana). And that's what I want to do," said Raygan. "That's part of the reason."

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# Ground-heavy offense lets Richardson shine in Colts' latest win

**BY MICHAEL MAROT**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis Colts drafted Anthony Richardson to be their franchise quarterback.

On Sunday, they saw how he might be deployed most effectively.

Richardson threw only 11 passes in Indy's 38-30 victory over slumping Tennessee, becoming just the third player since 2000 to produce 38 points with fewer than 15 passing attempts. But the second-year quarterback and running back Jonathan Taylor executed the game plan perfectly by combining for 38 carries, 308 yards and four scores.

"My job is to pass the ball, deliver the ball, so whenever there's an opportunity to do so, I'm expected to complete passes, regardless of how long I've gone without throwing a pass," Richardson said. "I'm just trying to do my job the best way I can."

While his stats have not improved dramatically since he regained the starting job, Richardson has made significant progress.

He started and finished all five games, the longest stretch of his career. He orchestrated fourth-quarter comebacks on the road against the New York Jets and New England. On Sunday, he broke the franchise record for most TD runs by a quarterback in a season by powering his way in from 5 yards out to tie it at 7 with his sixth TD of the season. And when Indy (7-8) needed a late third-down conversion to close out the victory, Richardson did that, too — firing a 10-yard strike to Michael Pittman Jr.

No, he wasn't perfect. A late throw over the middle resulted in yet another interception that cost the Colts a scoring chance in the first half.

But Richardson went 7 of 11 with 131 yards and a 27-yard touchdown pass to Josh Downs with 15 seconds left in the first half to open up a 24-7 lead.



Indianapolis Colts quarterback Anthony Richardson (5) stiff arms Tennessee Titans safety Amani Hooker (37) as he runs the ball during the first half of an NFL football game on Sunday in Indianapolis.

AP Photo/Darron Cummings

And with Richardson and Taylor increasingly feeding off one another, the Colts may just be starting to unleash the full horsepower of what this dynamic duo can do. At least that's the hope as the regular season winds down.

"To add that element of (Richardson's) run game was huge," coach Shane Steichen said. "He had some good runs for us all day. So, him and J.T. back there is huge."

### WHAT'S WORKING

Ground game. What else? It has been a rollercoaster season for the Colts offense in general as well as the running game. On Sunday, it looked spectacular. Indy broke a 68-year-old franchise record by rushing for 335 yards. Taylor has 76 carries for 421 yards over the last three games and has his first 1,000-yard season since winning the 2021 rushing crown.

### WHAT NEEDS HELP

Closing out games. Somehow, the Colts went from a 38-7 rout to needing an interception on the game's final play. Maybe that explains why the Colts have played 12 one-possession games this season. If Indy could find a solution, it might not be on the cusp of making the playoffs instead of missing them for a fourth straight year.

### STOCK UP

C Ryan Kelly. When the three-time Pro Bowl selection went on injured reserve in October, some thought Kelly may have played his last game in Indy. He's in a contract year and rookie Tanor Bortolini played well in Kelly's absence. But Kelly proved his value by making a big difference in the ground game.

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AP Photo/Matthew Putney

Iowa guard Caitlin Clark makes a heart gesture after the team's NCAA college basketball game against Michigan on Feb. 15 in Iowa City, Iowa.

# Clark honored as AP Female Athlete of the Year

**BY DOUG FEINBERG**  
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

Caitlin Clark raised the profile of women's basketball to unprecedented levels in both the college ranks and the WNBA, and Tuesday she was named the AP Female Athlete of the Year for her impact on and off the court.

After leading Iowa to the national championship game, Clark was the top pick in the WNBA draft as expected and went on to win rookie of the year honors in the league. Fans packed sold-out arenas and millions of television viewers tuned in to follow her journey. Clark's exploits were far reaching, casting a light on other women's

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## LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

### FRIDAY, DEC. 27 BASKETBALL

- Carroll Co. girls, Browning Classic at Carroll Co., TBA
- Madison, Southwestern girls, Hauser Tourney, TBA
- Southwestern boys host Clarksville, Purdue Poly, JCIT at Southwestern, 11 a.m., 6:10 p.m.
- Switzerland Co. boys host Cascade, Switzerland Co. Classic, 12:30 p.m.
- Madison boys vs. Christian Academy, Brownstown, JCIT at Southwestern, 12:50 p.m., 8 p.m.
- Trimble Co. girls vs. Valley, Berea Tournament, 2:45 p.m.
- Trimble Co. boys vs. Rising Sun, Columbus Christian, Rumble on the River at Trimble Co., 4:50 p.m., 8 p.m.
- Shawe boys vs. Carroll Co., Rumble on the River at Trimble Co., 6:40 p.m.

### WRESTLING

- Madison, Switzerland Co. boys at Connersville, 9 a.m.

### SATURDAY, DEC. 28 BASKETBALL

- Carroll Co. girls, Browning Classic at Carroll Co., TBA
  - Madison, Southwestern boys, JCIT at Southwestern, TBA
  - Madison, Southwestern girls, Hauser Tourney, TBA
  - Switzerland Co. boys, Switzerland Co. Classic, TBA
  - Trimble Co. girls, Berea Tourney, TBA
  - Carroll Co. boys vs. Rising Sun, Columbus Christian, Rumble on the River at Trimble Co., 11 a.m., 2:40 p.m.
  - Shawe boys vs. Eminence, Trimble Co., Rumble on the River at Trimble Co., 12:50 p.m., 6:20 p.m.
- ### WRESTLING
- Madison, Switzerland Co. boys at Connersville, 9 a.m.
  - Madison girls at Whiteland, 9 a.m.

### SUNDAY, DEC. 29 BASKETBALL

- Hanover men vs. Denison at Otterbein, 6 p.m.

### MONDAY, DEC. 30 BASKETBALL

- Hanover men at Otterbein, 4 p.m.
- Trimble Co. boys at Anderson Co., 7:30 p.m.

### TUESDAY, DEC. 31

- No local events

# Arizona State rides steady hand of QB Leavitt into CFP

BY JOHN MARSHALL  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TEMPE, Ariz. — Sam Leavitt grew up with three older siblings, one of whom went on to play in the NFL. None of them let the baby of the family win at anything, and it drove him nuts. “It’s not like he ever was a good loser,” said Tania Leavitt, Sam’s mother. “He’s a terrible loser. He lost all the time and would freak out every time.” The days of saving his allowance to replace broken video game controllers are over. A poised perfectionist, Leavitt has led fourth-seeded Arizona State from a three-win season a year ago to spot in the College Football Playoff quarterfinals against fifth-seeded Texas in the Peach Bowl on New Year’s Day. Running back Cam Skateto has gotten most of the headlines during the Sun Devils’ turnaround — for good reason. The senior has been Arizona State’s turbo-charger, running like a bowling ball through a pinball machine on his way to finishing fifth in the Heisman Trophy voting. Leavitt has been the steady hand at the wheel, guiding the No. 10 Sun Devils (11-

2, No. 12 CFP) to four wins over ranked opponents and their best season since the 1996 team went to the Rose Bowl. The 6-foot-2, 200-pound transfer from Michigan State has thrown for 2,663 yards and 24 touchdowns with five interceptions. Leavitt has made good decisions throughout the season, playing more like a veteran than redshirt freshman, and used his legs to extend plays or break off runs. “He’s a special, special kid,” Arizona State coach Kenny Dillingham said. “His ability to see the field on game day. His work ethic. You know he works. You see the work. You see the process. You see the care level, but until you get into a season and you just see that, it’s just different.” Leavitt’s parents noticed it from a young age. With a father (Jared) who played linebacker at BYU and a brother (Dallin) who played six NFL seasons, Sam was a sponge for information growing up, constantly asking questions about the game. He was an avid film studier at a young age and so dedicated to his game that, starting around age 13, he’d set an alarm every night to do shoulder stability exercises. He still does to this day.

# Penn State preparing for hard-charging Broncos

BY TRAVIS JOHNSON  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Penn State players have watched Ashton Jeanty make opponents look silly all season. They don’t want to be the next defenders Boise State’s star posterizes with jukes, spin moves, stiff arms and heavy shoulders. But they also know that slowing down Jeanty, who finished second in Heisman Trophy voting, will be their toughest task yet when the two teams meet in the College Football Playoff quarterfinal Fiesta Bowl on Dec. 31. “In any other year, I think the guy wins the Heisman,” Penn State coach James Franklin said. “You could make the argument that he should have won it this year. He is hard to tackle. He is compact, 5-(foot)-10, he has the ability to run away from you. He has the ability to make you miss.” Jeanty led the nation with 2,497 rushing yards on 344 carries this season. He scored more touchdowns (30) than any player since Najee Harris scored 30 times with Alabama in 2020. Additionally, Jeanty’s yards after contact (1,889) exceed every FBS running backs’ rushing total since Oklahoma State’s Chuba Hubbard led the NCAA with 2,094 total rushing

yards in 2019. Jeanty also forced an NCAA-record 143 missed tackles this season. The junior did it all behind an offensive line that has been forced to shuffle its parts in the wake of numerous injuries. Only left tackle Kage Casey and left guard Ben Dooley have started every game up front for the Broncos this season. “He’s a beast in terms of his production on the field, but then also his durability,” Franklin said. “There’s not too many people that are able to get clean shots on him. All of it is super impressive. But I think the stat that I mentioned earlier, the most impressive stat is the yards after contact.” This could be Jeanty’s biggest challenge to date, too. Although he’s helped Boise State churn out 250 rushing yards per game, good for fifth among FBS programs, the Nittany Lions are well stocked to defend the run. Their defense is seventh nationally allowing just 100 rushing yards per game and has tightened up down the stretch. In its last six games, Penn State is allowing just 2.7 yards per rush and has only given up three rushing touchdowns, two coming in the Big Ten championship game against No. 1 Oregon.



AP Photo/Mike Caudill  
Michael Vick speaks to media and attendees after he is introduced as the head coach of the Norfolk State football team during a press conference on Monday in Norfolk, Va.

# Ex-NFL great Vick new coach at Norfolk State

NORFOLK, Va. — To shouts of “Coach” and “Let’s go Spartans,” Michael Vick was introduced Monday as Norfolk State’s football coach, a homecoming for the former NFL star and a splashy, attention-grabbing hire for a program that has struggled in recent years. Vick, who grew up about 30 minutes away in Newport News, donned a Norfolk State letterman’s jacket and cap in front of a crowd of supporters that included fellow Hampton Roads, Virginia, sports greats Allen Iverson and Bruce Smith. Vick’s introduction was the culmination of whirlwind courtship, the timing of which took even Vick by surprise. “I was talking to my high school coach a couple weeks ago, and I told him I wanted to be a football coach one day, a couple years from now,” he said. Vick said he then got a surprise call from former Virginia Tech football player Aaron Rouse, who is now a Virginia state senator, and Norfolk State athletic director Melody Webb, gauging his interest in becoming the Spartans’ coach. “It wasn’t the easiest decision to make,” Vick said. “I’ve got family that I considered, I care about and I love. This requires a lot of change in lifestyle. But at the same time, it allows me to serve young men in my community.”

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Cade York tied a franchise record with a 59-yard field goal. “The guys have responded this way all season,” Taylor said. “We lost some heartbreakers to be quite frank, and games that just came down to the end. It doesn’t mean that we’ve had a bad football team and we weren’t in it. We’ve been in this, and now — I don’t want to say getting our confidence back, because we’ve had confidence — but we’re just making the plays necessary at the critical points of the game to take control of these games. That’s really what’s happened the last three weeks, and we’ve got

to continue that.”

## WHAT NEEDS HELP

Burrow has fumbled 10 times this season. Against the Browns, he lost a fumble on a strip-sack with the Bengals on the Cleveland 2-yard-line.

## STOCK UP

Last week, S Jordan Battle scooped a fumble and ran it all the way back, only to fumble as he crossed the goal line, leading to a touchback. Against the Browns, he intercepted a second-half pass from Dorian Thompson-Robinson in the end zone. The Bengals’ defense has nine takeaways in the past two games.

## STOCK DOWN

Cincinnati’s depleted

offensive line allowed four sacks.

## INJURIES

The offensive line took a hit when tackle Amarius Mims went out with an ankle injury and didn’t return.

## KEY NUMBER

5.1 — Yards per carry by RB Chase Brown, who seems to get better every week. He had 18 carries for 91 yards.

## NEXT STEPS

The Bengals continue their improbable effort to slip into the playoffs when they host the Broncos in their home finale on Saturday (TV: Live on NFL Network at 4:30 p.m.). They finish the season the following week at Pittsburgh.

# CLARK

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sports leagues along the way.

A group of 74 sports journalists from The Associated Press and its members voted on the award. Clark received 35 votes, Olympic gymnast Simone Biles was second with 25 and boxer Imane Khelif was third, getting four votes.

Clark is only the fourth women’s basketball player to be honored as the female athlete of the year since it was first presented in 1931, joining Sheryl Swoopes (1993), Rebecca Lobo (1995) and Candace Parker (2008, 2021).

“I grew up a fan of Candace Parker and the people who came before me and to be honored in this way, is super special and I’m thankful,” Clark said in a phone interview. “It was a great year for women’s basketball and women’s sports.”

Shohei Ohtani won the AP Male Athlete of the Year on Monday for the third time.

Clark broke the NCAA Division I career scoring record for both men and women finishing her career with 3,951 points while guiding Iowa to its second consecutive national championship game. After her Hawkeyes lost t South Carolina for the title, Gamecocks coach Dawn Staley took the mic during her team’s celebration and said, “I want to personally thank Caitlin Clark for lifting up our sport.”

For all the success Clark has had and the attention she has brought to women’s basketball, she is often the centerpiece of debates and online toxicity towards her and other players in the league.

For her part, Clark has disavowed the toxic discourse.

Lobo also has been impressed with the way the 22-year-old Clark has handled the pressure and attention that has come her way.

“I would say she’s navigated it almost flawlessly. she hasn’t had a big missteps or misspeaks at a time you’re under constant scrutiny,” Lobo said. “She’s seemed to say and do all the right

things. That’s just incredible at a time when it’s constant attention and scrutiny. She has not done anything to tarnish this sort of mild persona she has.”

As Clark handled the praise — and the backlash — during the heat of competition, it was hard for her to appreciate just what she was able accomplish over the past year. But after having time to reflect on the whirlwind tour, she appreciates those who were there alongside her for the ride.

“I’m thankful for the people I got to do it with,” Clark said. “A year ago I was still in the early part of my senior year in college. ... How fast things change, and now I can see how great a college season it was.”

Iowa sold out all of its games at home and on the road with Clark as the main attraction. That momentum continued into the pros. Her No. 22 jersey was prevalent wherever she played during her rookie season and will be retired at Iowa.

“You’d be remiss not to acknowledge how crazy her fan base is and the eyes she gets with everything she does,” said Indiana Pacers guard Tyrese Haliburton, who was often spotted court-side at Clark’s Indiana Fever games. “It’s a different type of popularity, she’s one of the most popular athletes in the world. It’s not just women’s sports anymore.”

“It’s really cool to see and she just handles it with such grace.”

Clark said she enjoys spending time with fans at games, usually taking a few minutes before and after games to sign autographs.

“For me it’s still really fun,” she said. “Whether it’s 15 seconds or 10 seconds or 5 seconds can be very impactful in a young girl and young boys life. Seeing the fans going crazy an hour before tipoff, I never take that for granted. That’s super cool and I never want that to go away.”

After a slow start to her WNBA career, Clark eventually found her stride there too. She set the single-game assist record with 19 and also had 337 assists on the season to break that

mark as well. Clark, known for her logo-distance 3-pointers, was the fastest player to reach 100 3’s when she did it in 34 games which helped Indiana reach the playoffs for the first time since 2016.

Lobo, who won the AP female athlete of the year award after lifting UConn to its first national championship, was on the court for launch of the WNBA two years later. The ESPN analyst sees Clark’s ascension as something different.

“She’s brought unprecedented attention both in the building, but also viewership to the sport that was worthy of it but didn’t have it yet,” Lobo said. “There’s never been anything like this.”

“That timeframe from 1995-97 was a baby step in the progression of it all. This is a giant leap forward. I’ve never seen anything like this. There’s more attention then the sports ever had.”

The numbers have been record breaking when Clark is part of a broadcast:

- TV viewership in the WNBA was up 300% thanks in large part to Clark with ABC, CBS, ION, ESPN, and ESPN2 all having record viewers when Fever games were on.

- The NCAA women’s championship game outdrew the men on TV for the first time in the sport’s 42-year history with 18.9 million viewers tuning it to watch the event. It was the second most watched women’s sporting event outside of the Olympics in the history of U.S. television.

- The 2024 WNBA draft was the most-watched in league history with 2.4 million viewers.

Clark credits the community of women athletes for the popularity increase of women’s sports, saying “we” did this or “we” did that when asked about it.

“It’s fascinating, you don’t always appreciate how many people 18 million is,” Clark said. “You see that number against a college football game or the Masters or whatever it is as far as the biggest sporting events in our country and it puts it in perspective. We outdrew the men’s Final Four.”

# CRAWFORD

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And the other one is for my dad and also pricing. It worked out very well for me.” Jay Crawford got a chance to coach his daughter at Southwestern before getting hired at Hanover College last year. That connection to the school made the decision to attend Hanover an easy one for Raygan. “Thankfully I am very familiar with the program and I’ve gotten close with a lot of the swimmers as well. So that helps,” Raygan said. “I’m very grateful being around them all the time.” Raygan Crawford is just the latest in a series of standout swimmers Southwestern has produced over the years. Her older sister, Belle Crawford, was the 2020 Madison Courier Girls Swimmer of the Year and Jordan Worcester earned the same award in 2021. Younger sister Natalee Crawford just broke Raygan’s school record in the 100-backstroke. Raygan herself was the 2022 Madison Courier Girls Swimmer of the Year as a freshman, the year she earned a berth to the IHSA State Finals by winning the

100-yard butterfly at the sectional. That victory and the trip to Indianapolis still remain one of Raygan’s best memories in high school. “Winning the sectional was so cool,” she said. “I’ll always remember that.” Despite Southwestern’s recent success, Raygan is one of the few swimmers from the school who will do so at the next level with others preferring to play other sports. For Southwestern coach Shelly Hamilton, having Raygan make the leap from pool to pool brings a smile to her face. “It is cool, and it was quite a little surprise on senior night of volleyball when she announced it” Hamilton said with a smile. “It was very exciting for the family. She’s been toddling around the pool since she could walk, she started dog paddling with her head out of the water and look what happened. We’re very excited.” Raygan has excelled in nearly every stroke at Southwestern and Hamilton believes she can carry that success over to the collegiate level. “I think she’ll have great success,” Hamilton said. “And I might even be able to make it to a few of the meets. So that would be nice.”

# COLTS

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## STOCK DOWN

RG Dalton Tucker. The undrafted rookie moved into the starting lineup when Will Fries was sidelined with a season-ending leg injury. Then the Colts brought back veteran Mark Glowinski and plugged him into Tucker’s spot. Tucker was a healthy scratch Sunday.

## INJURIES

WR Alec Pierce (concussion) and LB E.J. Speed

(knee) were both inactive in Week 16 and it’s unclear what their status will be next weekend. ... Two defensive backs — Jaylon Jones (throat) and Tre Flowers (shoulder) — left and did not return. ... Indy may have avoided a more concerning loss when Pro Bowl LG Quenton Nelson hurt his ankle in the fourth quarter. After slamming his helmet on the sideline, he returned for Indy’s last drive.

## KEY NUMBER

18 — According to The New York Times, Indy has an 18% chance of making

the playoffs heading into its final two games.

## NEXT STEPS

Indy still has a manageable schedule with a trip to the New York Giants (2-13) Sunday (TV: Live on FOX at 1 p.m.) before a rematch with Jacksonville (3-12) in the regular-season finale. If they replicate their play from the first three quarters Sunday, they’re likely to finish with a winning record and maybe get lucky enough to make the postseason. If they play like they did in the fourth quarter, the opposite could happen.

# Surtain vs. Chase Round 2 headlines Broncos-Bengals matchup Saturday

**BY ARNIE STAPLETON**  
AP PRO FOOTBALL WRITER

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — If anybody can slow down Cincinnati Bengals receiver Ja'Marr Chase, it's Denver Broncos cornerback Patrick Surtain II.

He did it before when both were rookies in 2021 and Surtain held Chase to a single catch for 3 yards on four targets on a day Joe Burrow threw for just 157 yards.

“That was early in my career. Rookie year? Yeah, it was a good game,” Surtain said. “They came in with a high-striking offense and we knew that we had to eliminate the explosives, eliminate their top threat. Ja'Marr, he's a great player, one of, if not the best, receivers in the league.”

Surtain and Denver's defense gets some help this weekend with the expected return of second-year cornerback Riley Moss, who has been out for a month with a sprained MCL.

Moss's return to the lineup would allow defensive coordinator Vance Joseph to go back to playing primarily man coverage instead of zone, meaning Surtain could stick to Chase (108 catches for 1,510 yards and 16 TDs) while Moss defends Tee Higgins (58 receptions for 727 yards and seven TDs).

“They got a lot going on



Cincinnati Bengals wide receiver Ja'Marr Chase (1) runs for a touchdown past Dallas Cowboys cornerback DaRon Bland (26) during the second half of an NFL football game on Dec. 9 in Arlington, Texas.

with themselves on the offensive side of the ball, so it's gonna be a good challenge,” Surtain said. “Trying to eliminate them like how we did that time would be great.”

Eliminating Chase as a game-breaking threat could go a long way toward the Broncos (9-6) eliminating the Bengals (7-8) from the AFC playoff chase. Cincinnati needs to beat Denver to stay alive and the Broncos can clinch their first playoff berth since 2015 with a win or a tie Saturday.

Although...

Back in '21, the Bengals

and Broncos were both 7-6 when Surtain and Chase squared off for the first time. Despite Chase having the worst statistical day of his career, the Bengals escaped Denver with a 15-10 triumph that they parlayed into a Super Bowl run.

The Broncos lost their last three to finish on a four-game slide and a 7-10 record, one in a string of seven straight losing seasons, a skid they only snapped this year.

The Broncos missed a chance to clinch a playoff spot last Thursday when they frittered away a dou-

ble-digit second-half lead in a 34-27 loss to the Los Angeles Chargers.

Although coach Sean Payton had written “Run It!” in thick letters across the top of his play sheet, he only called for 14 hand-offs after the Broncos drove down the field for a TD on their opening drive in which four running backs carried seven times for 43 yards, capped by Audric Estime's 3-yard TD.

The Broncos likely will look to run it more Sunday with rain in the forecast and Chase and Burrow waiting on the opposite sideline.

# Vols, Tigers remain 1-2 in men's AP poll

10 from SEC ranked in Top 25

**BY AARON BEARD**  
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Tennessee and Auburn remained Nos. 1-2 atop The Associated Press men's college basketball poll. It's a fitting spot for a pair of Southeastern Conference teams considering the league put 10 teams into Monday's AP Top 25.

The Volunteers (11-0) and Tigers (11-1) spent a third straight week in the same position, and it marked a fourth consecutive week for Auburn sitting at No. 2. They were part of a top 10 that featured the same top-10 programs, though slightly reshuffled with Kentucky tumbling six spots to No. 10 after a loss to Ohio State.

The poll also featured four additions that previously had been ranked this season, including No. 19 Mississippi State and No. 23 Arkansas to add to the SEC's season-long hauls.

The SEC thrice had as many as nine ranked teams this season, including in the preseason poll. This is the first time since at least the start of the

2012-13 season that one league had 10 ranked teams.

Iowa State was third, followed by Duke and Alabama to round out the top five. Florida, Kansas, Marquette and Oregon followed, with those teams all moving up one spot given the Wildcats' fall to 10th.

## RISING

San Diego State had the biggest jump among last week's ranked teams, rising three spots to No. 20, while No. 12 Oklahoma, No. 17 Cincinnati and No. 18 Michigan State all climbed two spots. In all, 11 teams rose at least one spot this week.

## SLIDING

While Kentucky took the week's biggest tumble, No. 21 Purdue and No. 22 UCLA also slid multiple spots. The Boilermakers fell five places after a lopsided loss to Auburn, while the Bruins fell four spots after blowing a 16-point lead and falling by two against an unranked North Carolina team that opened the year at No. 9.

# USC women ride UConn win to No. 4 ranking

UCLA, South Carolina, Notre Dame 1-3

**BY DOUG FEINBERG**  
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

Southern California jumped to No. 4 in The Associated Press women's college basketball poll on Monday after edging UConn.

The Trojans moved up three spots in the AP Top 25 after beating the then-No. 4 Huskies 72-70 on Saturday night in a rematch of last season's Elite Eight game that UConn won.

“It feels great to get the dub always,” USC star JuJu Watkins said after the victory. “I think it hit a little different knowing the history of last year and how they sent us home.”

This was the Trojans' first win ever over UConn.

“This is a really significant win, and it's a really significant win because of the stature of UConn's program and what Geno Auriemma has done for our sport,” USC coach Lindsay Gottlieb said. “It doesn't matter to me that they haven't won a championship in a couple years. There's still a way that they prepare, a way that they play, that makes you better, and it made us better.”

UCLA, South Carolina and Notre Dame remained the top three teams. The Bruins received 30 of the 32 first-place votes from a national

media panel. The Gamecocks and the Fighting Irish each got one first-place vote.

UConn fell to seventh behind Texas and LSU.

Maryland, Oklahoma and Ohio State rounded out the top 10 teams.

## FALLING BLUE DEVILS

Duke dropped five spots to No. 14 after losing to South Florida on Saturday. The Blue Devils' other two losses this season were to Maryland and South Carolina. The Bulls are 7-6 on the season, with four of those losses coming against ranked opponents (UConn, Louisville, TCU and South Carolina).

## WELCOME BACK

Alabama jumped back into the poll at No. 20 two weeks after falling out. The Crimson Tide had an impressive 82-67 victory over Michigan State, handing the Spartans their first loss of the season. It was Alabama's first victory over a ranked opponent this year.

## CONFERENCE BREAKDOWN

The Southeastern Conference has eight teams in the poll this week with Alabama's return. The Big Ten is next with seven. The ACC has six while the Big 12 has three and the Big East one.

# Jackson breaks NFL QB rushing record in romp over Texans

**BY KRISTIE RIEKEN**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — Lamar Jackson broke the NFL career rushing record for quarterbacks in Baltimore's 31-2 victory over the Houston Texans on Wednesday, bolstering his case for MVP as the Ravens moved closer to the AFC North title.

Jackson threw for 168 yards and two touchdowns and ran for 87 yards and another score. He pushed his career rushing total to 6,110 to move past Michael Vick, who had 6,109 in his 13-year career.

The Ravens (11-5) have already wrapped up their third straight playoff berth and need a victory over Cleveland next week to win the division over Pittsburgh. The Steelers

dropped a third straight with a loss to Kansas City on Wednesday.

Jackson, the MVP last season and in 2019, put on a show rivaled only by the spectacular Super Bowl-caliber halftime performance by Beyoncé to give Baltimore its third straight win. And he needed just more than three quarters to do it, giving way to Josh Johnson with about 10 minutes left and the game long decided.

Jackson threw 9- and 1-yard TD passes and was not touched on a 48-yard scoring scamper that made it 24-2 in the third quarter.

Derrick Henry ran for 147 yards and set the Ravens season record with his 16th touchdown on a 2-yard run in the first quarter. He eclipsed Ray Rice

(2011) and Mark Ingram (2019).

Baltimore dominated a Houston team reeling after losing dynamic receiver Tank Dell to a season-ending knee injury Saturday.

The AFC South champs struggled to finish drives and got their only points on a safety in the second quarter. C.J. Stroud threw for 185 yards, but was sacked five times and threw an interception and Joe Mixon managed just 26 yards rushing as the Texans (9-7) lost a second straight.

Rookie Kamari Lassiter dropped Henry for a 4-yard loss for the safety with about 10 minutes left in the first half to cut the lead to 10-2.

Dameon Pierce then returned the kickoff 45

yards to get the Texans to their 43. But they came away empty when Mixon was stopped on the 1 after grabbing a short pass on fourth-and-3.

Jackson then orchestrated a 99-yard drive to pad the lead. He scrambled to evade the rush and found Mark Andrews for a 67-yard gain to get the Ravens in the red zone with just more than two minutes left in the first half.

Isaiah Likely's 9-yard TD reception two plays later made it 17-2. It was the first 17-2 halftime score in NFL history.

Kyle Hamilton intercepted Stroud's pass on the first drive of the second half. Two plays later, Jackson's long TD run made it 24-2.

# Mahomes throws 3 TDs as Chiefs clinch top seed in AFC

**BY WILL GRAVES**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PITTSBURGH — Andy Reid donned a Santa Claus suit in a giddy Kansas City Chiefs locker room on Christmas Day, then handed his team a present it increasingly looks like it deserves: home-field advantage throughout the AFC playoffs.

How Reid managed to slide into the costume so quickly after Kansas City's clinical 29-10 victory over the reeling Pittsburgh Steelers to lock up the top seed in the AFC for the fourth time in seven years is a mystery (though he hinted there's an elf involved).

How Reid's team manages to pull away from the pack year after year is not.

A lot of Patrick Mahomes. A dash of Travis Kelce. A splash of speed. A defense that quietly goes about its business, even when its leader is standing on the sideline in sweatpants.

Yes, it has been ugly — by Kansas City's lofty standards — at times while the Chiefs have chased a third straight championship. Yet as the playoffs loom, the group that looked so vulnerable for most of the sea-

son suddenly seems to be rounding into form.

And the road to the Super Bowl will once again go through Arrowhead Stadium. Just the way the Chiefs like it.

“Getting the No. 1 seed is important,” Mahomes said after throwing for 320 yards and three touchdowns. “It's like winning a playoff game.”

Even if how the Chiefs locked it up didn't exactly feel like one.

Kansas City (15-1) spent three hours toying with the Steelers (10-6) like a cat batting around shreds of leftover wrapping paper. The Chiefs raced to an early 13-point lead and were never really threatened by Pittsburgh, which has dropped three straight to see its chances of capturing the AFC North take another hit.

“That sucked, to be blunt,” Steelers coach Mike Tomlin said.

It often does when Pittsburgh is on one side of the line of scrimmage and Mahomes is on the other. Mahomes is now 4-0 against the Steelers with 17 touchdowns against just one interception. He connected on first-half scor-

ing tosses to Xavier Worthy and Justin Watson and added a history-making 12-yard touchdown flip to Kelce to seal it in the fourth quarter.

The grab was the 77th scoring reception of Kelce's career, breaking a franchise record set by Hall of Famer Tony Gonzalez. The 35-year-old Kelce celebrated by dunking the ball over the goal post, a nod to Gonzalez's signature move. The gesture drew a 15-yard penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct, though it hardly mattered. Harrison Butker made the longer extra point and the Chiefs were firmly in control.

“It's just showing Tony some love,” Kelce said with a laugh on the day he joined Gonzalez and Jason Witten as the only tight ends to reach 1,000 receptions. Kelce finished with eight catches for 84 yards while playing for an offense that is starting to get its swagger back.

The defense wasn't bad either, even with five-time Pro Bowl defensive end Chris Jones sidelined by a calf injury. Jones' teammates hardly looked gassed while playing for the third time in 11 days.

“It was tough,” cornerback Trent McDuffie said. “I mean, three games in 11 days is crazy for anybody. But I thought we handled it very well.”

The Steelers did not. Pittsburgh went 0-3 during the span, a brutal stretch against Super Bowl contenders Philadelphia, Baltimore and Kansas City in which the Steelers looked outclassed.



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# WNBA has 8 new coaches in place for 2025

## 7 women, 6 men to lead teams

BY DOUG FEINBERG  
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

The WNBA now has all of its head coaching spots filled after there were eight open positions this offseason.

Dallas named Chris Koclanes as its head coach on Monday and then an hour later Washington hired Sydney Johnson as its new head, rounding out the seven hirings.

There's no common thread among the seven hires; three are former college head coaches (Karl Smesko, Lynne Roberts and Johnson), three were WNBA assistants (Koclanes, Johnson and Tyler Marsh) and one is an international coach (Rachid Meziane).

Stephanie White is the only former WNBA head coach to get one of the positions as she moved from Connecticut and returns to Indiana.

With the addition of Golden State next season, which hired Natalie Nakase as it's coach, the 13 teams will have seven women in charge and six men.

At the end of the 2022 season, half of the 12 head coaches in the league were Black. Three years later that number is down to three with Seattle's Noelle Quinn the only Black female after Teresa Weatherspoon (Chicago) and Tanisha Wright (Atlanta) were fired. Nakase is the first Asian American to lead a WNBA franchise.

Two of the openings did go to Black men in Johnson and Marsh.

The WNBA currently does have three Black general managers, including Morgan Tuck in Connecticut, Ohemaa Nyanin in Golden State and Jamila Wideman in Washington.

Here's a look at the eight new coaches in the WNBA:

### ATLANTA DREAM — KARL SMESKO

**Experience:** Smesko comes to the WNBA after spending 23 years at Florida Gulf Coast. He had the third highest winning percentage (.829) among active coaches, trailing only UConn's Geno Auriemma and LSU's Kim Mulkey.

**Outlook:** His teams have constantly been near the top in the country in 3-point shooting and the Dream have talented players in Rhyne Howard and Alisha Gray.

### CHICAGO SKY — TYLER MARSH

**Experience:** Marsh heads to the Sky after a successful stint as an assistant coach in Las Vegas, helping the Aces win consecutive championships in 2022 and 2023.

**Outlook:** Marsh inherits a squad led by talented post players Angel Reese and Kamilla Cardoso. The Sky also have the No. 3 pick in next year's WNBA draft.

### CONNECTICUT SUN — RACHID MEZIANE

**Resume:** Meziane

comes to the WNBA after coaching professionally in France for many years as well as leading Belgium's national team. Belgium came in fourth at the Paris Olympics this past summer.

**Outlook:** He inherits a team in flux with many of its top players unrestricted free agents.

### DALLAS WINGS — CHRIS KOCLANES

**Experience:** Koclanes worked with new GM Curt Miller in Connecticut on his staff from 2016-22 and helped the Sun reach the WNBA Finals in 2019 and 2022. Miller was hired as the Wings' general manager last month.

**Outlook:** The Wings have the No. 1 pick in the draft next April as well as a strong nucleus headlined by Arike Ogunbowale.

### GOLDEN STATE VALKYRIES — NATALIE NAKASE

**Experience:** Nakase is the first coach in the expansion franchise's history. She had a lot of success as an assistant in Las Vegas and the franchise got its initial set of players through the expansion draft earlier this month.

**Outlook:** The Valkyries, who have the No. 5 pick in the draft, also are expected to be active in free agency which begins next month.

### INDIANA FEVER — STEPHANIE WHITE

**Experience:** White has the most WNBA experience of of the offseason hires. She returns to the Fever after leading the Connecticut Sun to the playoffs the last two seasons.

**Outlook:** She has a stellar young core to work with led by the last two WNBA Rookie of the Year winners, record-setting guard Caitlin Clark and center Aliyah Boston.

### LOS ANGELES SPARKS — LYNNE ROBERTS

**Experience:** Roberts is returning to her native California after spending nine seasons in charge of Utah where she went 165-116. She was the Pac-12 Coach of the Year in 2023.

**Outlook:** She inherits a team that finished last in the standings but has a strong young nucleus of Rickea Jackson, Cameron Brink and Dearica Hamby. The Sparks have the No. 2 pick in next year's WNBA draft.

### WASHINGTON MYSTICS — SYDNEY JOHNSON

**Experience:** Johnson has worked with USA Basketball over the past five years as well as being an assistant coach with the Chicago Sky last season. Before that the 50-year-old Princeton grad spent eight years as head coach of Fairfield University men's team (2011-2019), leading the Stags to four postseason appearances.

**Outlook:** He inherits a team that missed the playoffs by one game is led by Shakira Austin, Brittney Sykes and Ariel Atkins.

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11	WHAS	11	4	(3:30) Football		TBA	Football	Valero Alamo Bowl: BYU vs. Colorado (N) (Live)					News	
15	WKPC	13		Antiques		TimFa..	RedGr..	Kentuc..	Ky.Afi..	♣★ New in Town ('09)			Austin	
19	WXIX	10		Basketball		Preview		Tip-Off		Basketball UCLA vs. Gonzaga (N)		FOX19 (N)		Floor
32	WLKY	5	5	WLK..	CBS-N..	Wheel	Jeopar..	S.W.A.T.		48 Hours (N)		48 Hours (N)		News
34	WBKI	7	7	(4:30) College Football				WWE NXT				House.. House..		TwoM..
41	WDRB	8	9	College Basketball			Tip-Off		Basketball UCLA vs. Gonzaga (N)			News (N)		News
A&E		28	36	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage
AMC		29	26	♣★♣ The Princess Bride ('87)				♣★♣ My Cousin Vinny ('92) Joe Pesci.				♣ My Cousin V...		
COM		45	59	Office	Office	Office	Office	(:20) The Office		Office	Office	♣ The Hangover Part II		
DISC		31	38	Expedition X		Expedition X		Expedition X		Expedition X		Expedition X		Expedi..
DISN		25	29	Big City	Ladyb..	Ladyb..	Ladyb..	♣★♣ Cinderella ('15)				Place	Place	Big City
ESPN		32	44	(5:45) College Football					(:15) College Football					
FREE		18	40	Movie		(:50) ♣★♣ Dr. Seuss' The Grinch		(:50) ♣★♣ The Lion King ('19) Donald Glover.						
FX		40	28	(5:30) ♣ Guardians of the Galaxy				♣★♣ Captain America: Civil War ('16) Chris Evans.						
HBO		201	17	(5:50) ♣★♣ Sherlock Holmes ('09)				♣★♣ Keanu ('16)			(:45) ♣★♣ Cedar Rapids		Movie	
MAX		270	73	(:10) The Knick		(:05) The Knick		♣★♣ San Andreas ('15)				(:55) ♣ Eye in the Sky		
NEWSNTN		20	20	NewsNation (N)		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation		NewsN..
PARMT		35	41	(5:00) ♣ Raiders of the Los...				♣★♣ Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade ('89)				♣ Indiana Jone...		
PARSHO		221	16	(:15) ♣★♣ Blade Runner 2049 ('17) Ryan Gosling.				Sin		(:50) Dexter: Sin		(:35) Dexter: Sin		
TMC		233	74	(:15) ♣★♣ Varsity Blues ('99)				♣★♣ True Grit ('10)				♣★♣ Heat ('95)		
TNT		27	43	♣ Pirates of the Caribbean: Curse of the Black Pearl						♣ Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End				
USA		26	33	(:20) Law-SVU		(:15) Law-SVU		(:10) Law-SVU		Law-S.. (:45) Law-SVU		Law-S.. Law-S..		

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3	WAVE	6	2	WAV..	NBCN..	Football (N)		(:15) Football Miami Dolphins at Cleveland Browns (N) (Live)						
4	WTTV	4		(4:00) Football		60 Minutes (N)		60 Minutes (N)		Grammy Greats (N)			CBS4..	
5	WLWT	2		News	NBCN..	Football (N)		(:15) Football Atlanta Falcons at Washington Commanders (N)						
8	WISH	12		News	Inside..	Freddie Mercury: The Final Act			BobHe..	BobHe..	News	Sports	News	
9	WCPO	23		News	World..	***** Frozen ('13) Kristen Bell.			***** Frozen II ('19) Kristen Bell.			News		
11	WHAS	11	4	World..	News	***** Frozen ('13) Kristen Bell.			***** Frozen II ('19) Kristen Bell.			News		
15	WKPC	13		Last../	KeepUp	Last Tango		Worsley		Creatures		Creatures	Velvet	
19	WXIX	10		(4:25) NFL Football		The OT		Simpso../	Univer..	Burgers	Preview	FOX19 (N)	FOX19	
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41	WDRB	8	9	(4:25) NFL Football		The OT		Simpso../	Univer..	Burgers	Preview	News (N) (Live)	News	
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ESPN		32	44	(5:00) 30 for 30		SportCtr (N)		SportC...NHL Hockey		SportC...				
FREE		18	40	Movie		(:45) ***** Home Alone ('90)				(:15) * Home Alone 2: Lost in New York				
FX		40	28	(5:00) * Doctor Strange in the Multi...				***** Thor: Love and Thunder ('22)				* Thor: Love ...		
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TMC		233	74	(:15) ***** Born to Be Blue ('15)				***** Chicago ('02)				***** Dreamgirls ('06)		
TNT		27	43	(5:00) * Pirates of the Caribbean: A...				***** Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides						Movie
USA		26	33	Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-S..

### THE Daily Commuter Puzzle

by Stella Zawistowski

**ACROSS**

1 Potato

5 Skeleton parts

10 "Take a Chance on Me" band

14 If not

15 City in Belgium

16 Tush

17 Parts of feet

18 "Rocket Man" singer \_\_\_ John

19 Group of actors

20 Emphasize

22 Los Angeles WNBA team

24 Go upward

26 Frame of mind

27 Strew everywhere

30 Very difficult experiences

34 Minus

35 Be in no hurry

37 Unappetizing food

38 "Suits" network

39 Actor Mineo

40 Second weekday: Abbr.

41 Nickname for a grandmother

43 Pre-finals round

45 Financial profit

46 Rules of a language

48 Stunned

50 Plays a kazoo

51 Thread for knitting

52 Ohio city

55 "The Magic Flute" composer

59 Rideshare brand

60 Hot water vapor

64 Purple berry

65 Goes bad

66 In the loop

67 Unit of heredity

68 Baby birds' home

69 More achy

70 Inquires

**DOWN**

1 Theater backdrop

2 Storyline

3 Password creator

4 Desolate, dry areas

5 Hallowed

6 Component of vinaigrette

7 Keep after taxes

8 Self

9 Relating to sight or smell

10 Video game parlors

11 Tolerate

12 Soak up the sun

13 Creative pursuits

21 Take a chair

23 Pea holder

25 Pink pencil parts

26 Appease

27 Threw forcefully

28 Labor leader

29 Yoga pose

31 Church table

32 Comic actor

33 Use up money

36 On the \_\_\_ (fleeing)

42 UMass city

43 Savory Indian pastries

44 Jail, in slang

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12/27/24

**Today's Puzzle Solved**

S	X	S	V	W	E	R	O	S	L	S	E	N
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45 University in Spokane

47 Wet earth

49 \_\_\_ y plata (Montana's motto)

52 Rotation

53 Wind instrument

54 Permits

56 Las Vegas WNBA team

57 Echelon

58 Even scores

61 Half of four

62 Appreciation for music

63 "You \_\_\_ too much"

### THE Daily Commuter Puzzle

by Stella Zawistowski

**ACROSS**

1 Sweater size

6 African snake

11 Scientist's workplace

14 Flood barrier

15 Starting players

16 Frozen water

17 Once more

18 Explosive liquid

19 Service charge

20 McCartney's instrument: 2 wds.

22 Top-ranked

23 Oklahoma city

24 Important times

26 \_\_\_ room (play space)

27 Well-read

31 Verge

34 \_\_\_ Claus

35 Lively energy

36 Summer zodiac sign

37 Degas or da Vinci

39 Shade tree

40 Maglie of baseball

41 Perform better than

42 Card above a deuce

43 Article postscripts

45 "Sort of"

47 Greek sandwich

48 Side with a burger

50 Soft mineral

52 Balcony railing

57 A long time \_\_\_

58 Charity balls

59 Cruz of Cuban music

60 Gun the engine

61 Call

62 Blender brand

63 Poem of praise

64 Poker payments

65 Sail supports

**DOWN**

1 Thick hunk of cheese

2 \_\_\_ Millions (lottery)

3 Pirate's "stop!"

4 Free time

5 Author Madeleine

6 Craze

7 Working hard: 2 wds.

8 Facebook's company

9 Hair holder

10 "I love": Spanish

11 Donut-shaped candy: 2 wds.

12 Pitching stars

13 Borscht veggie

21 The Trojans: Abbr.

22 Jail cell part

25 Caboose's place

27 Nations

28 Fascinated by

29 Scrabble piece

30 TV award

31 "What \_\_\_ is new?"

32 College official

33 Fielder's award: 2 wds.

34 Location

37 Having little money

38 German highway

42 Former UK PM

May

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**Today's Puzzle Solved**

S	L	S	V	W		S	E	L	N	V		E	D	O
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44 The Big Apple: Abbr.

45 Tax-collecting agency: Abbr.

46 Show like "Seinfeld"

48 Joins together

49 Adds seasoning to

50 Hawaiian tuber

51 Grew older

53 Very much: 2 wds.

54 Actress Diane

55 Eating plan

56 "I'm all \_\_\_!"

58 Transcript figure: Abbr.

## House guest insists on doing wasteful chore

Dear Eric: We have a dilemma that may seem trivial, but it's driving us crazy. We're fortunate enough to have a vacation house on a small island. Water is kind of expensive, relatively. While we love to host extended family, one older relative does the dishes by hand although we have an excellent dishwasher.

The hot-water waste is incredible — it's left running while the person talks and tells stories. And they're slow to boot. We've gently tried to redirect them. "Don't want to burden you." But they respond it's "something they can do to help out." They dismiss that the machine is more efficient.

No other chores make sense due to physical limitations, and they decline just socializing. It burns to acquiesce to money cost and environmental cost to coddle a person's self-esteem. We're even trying to figure out a fictitious reason to build a boundary. Any ideas for changing an older person's stubborn beliefs that accrue cost to us?

— Waste Water

Dear Water: There's a classic Shel Silverstein poem, "How Not to Have to Dry the Dishes," in which the instruction for avoiding the chore is simple — do such a bad job, they

won't let you do it anymore. Ironically, you're facing an opposite problem: this person is doing a bad job and won't stop.

This may not be a self-esteem issue or stubbornness. This could be a person genuinely thinking they're helping, all evidence to the contrary notwithstanding. Try not to pin too much on age, also. Let the actions speak for themselves, not a generation.

Gentle suggestion didn't work, so you'll need to be firmer about your boundary. A sign on the sink reading "no dishwashing, please. It costs too much" might be clear enough.

Or even a direct conversation stating that you appreciate your relative's generosity, and you don't want them to feel unwelcome, but you are not allowing anyone to hand wash dishes in the home anymore, and you'll feel disrespected if these wishes aren't honored.

The relative might protest, or feel hurt, but it's not unkind to advocate for what you want. Hospitality is as much about what one thinks should happen as it is about what the guest or host needs. You're providing a welcome home and clear parameters. Your relative needs to stop running roughshod over you or risk being thought rude.

"No" is a complete sentence, even in response to a supposedly nice gesture.



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## After 7 years, partner unsure about kids, marriage

Dear Eric, I have been in a seven-year relationship with my partner. We do not have any children together, and we are not legally married. I am 36, and he is 39. I am at the point where I would like to get married and have my own child. When we first got together, he was open to marriage and kids, but it seems this has changed, even though he has not expressed this to me. He says he is open to it but that we do not have a support system since both of our parents are deceased, and we would have to have a plan. Clearly, this is not something I can plan out like he would like.

As it pertains to marriage, in casual conversations we have on marriage, he does not really understand why people need to be married but will then say, "that does not mean we won't get married." Seven years later, I do not think he wants to. I am at the point of wanting to end this relationship no matter how much I love him because these are definitely things that I want, even though I do feel like kids may no longer be in the cards for me since I am getting older, and the clock is ticking. I have not expressed that I want to end our relationship, because I don't want

to give him an ultimatum. Am I wrong for wanting to walk away?

— Confused Partner

Dear Partner: It's possible that between the casual conversations and the unspoken ultimatum, there's a lot of discussion that's happening inside of both of your heads.

It's time to talk logistics, fears and wants. What's hard about this, of course, is that fear is often illogical, and our wants can be, too. But to move forward as a couple, you have to talk through it all. This is a great place for a couple's counselor to step in. It can be incredibly helpful to simply have a neutral party helping you sort through your feelings and asking important questions.

You should tell him how you're feeling and even the intensity of your feelings. You don't have to give him an ultimatum, but it's fair to say "marriage and children are really important [for these reasons]. There's a biological time clock at work here and also my own independent schedule." Share with him what's behind the want for you, what you're afraid of and what you envision for a plan. Obviously, we can't predict the future, but too often these conversations get bogged down by one sticking point that can't be addressed in the present but is quite solvable.

## SUDOKU

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## ASTROLOGY

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** — Enjoy sharing fun moments with others. Your natural kindness and charm may help smooth out any rough patches. Consider discussing emerging problems with a close companion and tackle minor obstacles that might disrupt your plans.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** — Opportunities could be on the horizon in the coming week. You may be surprised at just who secretly wants to connect with you when you find yourself in social situations. A new admirer might reveal an interest when the opportunity arises.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** — You might have an opportunity to combine business with pleasure. Open yourself up to connecting with someone experienced if you're interested in a particular subject. There's no better source than someone with firsthand knowledge.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** — Take note of your minor annoyances and how they affect you. Consider minimizing your complaints while asking for help with the heavy lifting. Your support circle may be more than willing to lend a helping hand.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Asking the wrong question at the wrong time often leads to the wrong answer. Setting aside personal desires and the need to win every debate might bring on positive changes this week. Focus on new ways to be kinder and more thoughtful.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — A brief time spent together may not equate to a lasting connection. This evening, discussions could be more productive than releasing your inner passions. Take your time getting to know someone before diving into a new relationship.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** — Make time for fun. Consider stepping out with your friends and dancing the night away. Your energy may be contagious and encourage others to follow your lead. Be cautious when it comes to prospective relationships and projects.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** — If things have been running smoothly, there's no need for unnecessary changes. What has worked for you in the past could continue to do so. The grass might appear greener in the neighbor's yard if you don't take a closer look.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** — Where there's a will, there's a way. You may gain clarity to distinguish between a dream or fantasy and an attainable goal. There could be plenty of opportunities to act on your creative inspiration or to grow closer to a new muse.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — Probing too deeply might make you question the value of a relationship. Some people may have information or thoughts they're not ready to share. Using tact and diplomacy may help to avoid unnecessary confrontations or disputes.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** — Find a balance between working independently and in a group setting. The more you strive to be a team player the more likely you are to succeed and attract new opportunities. Your calendar could be packed with exciting weekend activities.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** — Your thoughts shape your reality. Reacting poorly to criticism could prevent you from learning a valuable lesson. Focus learning and growing instead of shaming yourself for what's not going right, or lingering issues.

## SUDOKU

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## ASTROLOGY

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** — You may enjoy the pleasure of having beautiful things; rearranging and organizing your environment could make space for new possessions. A loved one might crave quality time and a listening ear this evening, so be mindful of their needs.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** — Be proud of your ability to handle any situation. You can be highly creative and collaborative without being harsh to those who also want to be heard. Consider exploring exciting hobbies that can be enjoyed in the comfort of your own space.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** — You shine when interacting with others. Being kind and pleasant to everyone you come across may open you up to new opportunities. If you want to lead others, make sure that you have chosen worthy goals and desirable destinations.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** — Voicing your opinions and advocating for what you believe in is important. But if you push yourself into an aggressive stance, you'll likely face more competition. Remember, there's more to life than material success and nonstop ambition.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Every moment spent in anger is a moment lost that could have been used for something more worthwhile. Your ambitions and desires may cause the tempers of others to ignite like firecrackers. Use your assertiveness and influence wisely.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — It may be tempting to go shopping for end of the year deals or to indulge in a few treats. Proceed with caution because after-holiday sales might only offer less than desirable leftovers. Focusing on developing schedules could

improve efficiency.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** — Having awareness and critical thinking skills doesn't always mean having people skills. Focusing on lingering tasks might interfere with light-hearted holiday festivities. It may be helpful to get responsibilities out of the way early in the day.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** — You may perceive things as worse or better than they are. When you look in the mirror, you might overlook what makes you uniquely attractive. Consider changing your outlook and improving your self-perception by appreciating your own beauty.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** — Hold yourself accountable. Make a list and check it twice to stay organized when upcoming social events demand your time and energy. Learn to appreciate your friends where they are even if they don't share the same goals.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — Social events may easily disrupt your spending habits. Be mindful of your obligations. While your fantastic vacations or recent successes may dominate the conversation, don't let jealousy or misunderstandings take over.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** — If you consider all the energy that's been wasted on worrying, it could power a lightbulb. Let this light illuminate and bring clarity to the stressful situation. You might realize there wasn't anything worth fighting about in the first place.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** — You may have a soft spot for permanence, preferring the comfort of familiar places and people. Consider using your time off to fix things in your environment. Be open to making changes or working outside your comfort zone.

# No. 1 Vols fend off upset-minded Middle Tenn.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Chaz Lanier scored 23 points and Zakai Zeigler had 17 points and 15 assists to lead No. 1 Tennessee past upset-minded Middle Tennessee 82-64 on Monday night.

Felix Okpara added 12 points, Jordan Gainey had 10 and Igor Milicic Jr. grabbed 12 rebounds as the Volunteers (12-0) tied the second-best start in program history.

The Blue Raiders (9-4), looking like a top mid-major, got 24 points off the bench from Camryn Weston and 13 from Kamari Lands.

After trailing by double digits midway through the first half, Middle Tennessee went on a 12-3 run to take the lead. The Blue Raiders shot 50% (16 of 32) against one of the

best defenses in the country and led 40-34 at halftime. Weston had 17 points. Okpara scored 10 for Tennessee, which shot 40.7% (11 of 27).

### TAKEAWAYS

Middle Tennessee: Three key transfers have helped turned things around after the frustration of a 14-19 finish last season. The Blue Raiders have gotten instant production from Jlynn Couter (IUPUI), Lands (Arizona State) and Essam Mostafa (Coastal Carolina, TCU).

Tennessee: The Volunteers need to approach their next game with a sense of urgency. It's the last opportunity to play before the Southeastern Conference schedule begins with a stern test from Arkansas. Tennessee must commit to helping its big men on the boards.

Lanier hit two free throws to give Tennessee a 52-51 lead. Less than a minute later, he drilled a 3-pointer to put the Vols up 55-51.


### KEY STAT

Weston, who wasn't in the Blue Raiders' starting lineup, came into the game averaging 10.7 points. He

had 17 by halftime and finished with 24.

### KEY MOMENT


With about 13 minutes left,



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**LEGAL  
NOTICE**

**TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL  
ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES  
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE**

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Circuit/Superior Court of Jefferson County, Indiana, in Cause No. 39C01-2310-MF-000868 wherein CMG Mortgage, Inc. was Plaintiff, and Hope R Draper, et al., were Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 23 day of January , 2025, at the hour of 10am or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 1150 JA Berry Lane, Madison, IN 47250, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Jefferson County, Indiana.

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION: BEING A PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 4 NORTH, RANGE IO EAST, MADISON TOWNSHIP, JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER BEING MARKED BY A MAG NAIL SET; THENCE ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER WITH BORCHERDING ROAD NORTH 002811" WEST, 696.46 FEET (PASSING THROUGH MAG NAIL AT 150.00 FEET, 300.00 FEET, AND 546. 46 FEET) TO A MAG NAIL SET AT THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID EAST LINE NORTH 00°28' 11" WEST, 150.00 FEET TO A MAG NAIL SET; THENCE LEAVING SAID EAST LINE AND BORCHERDING ROAD SOUTH 89°09"11" WEST, 374.51 FEET (PASSING THROUGH A 4" IRON PIPE FOUND AT 33.99 FEET) TO A 5/8" REBAR SET; THENCE NORTH 0002°48' EAST 150.00 FEET TO A V" IRON PIPE FOUND; THENCE SOUTH 8915 14" WEST, 300.12 FEET (PASSING THROUGH STEEL FENCE POSTS FOUND AT 100.08 FEET AND 199.59 FEET) TO A STEEL FENCE POST FOUND; THENCE NORTH 0004°24' EAST 4.69 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 893648" WEST, 666.03 FEET (PASSING THROUGH A STEEL T-BAR FOUND AT 232.70 FEET) TO A 5/8" REBAR SET ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER; THENCE ALONG SAID WEST LINE SOUTH 00°23'20" EAST, 370.55 FEET TO A 5/8" REBAR SET; THENCE LEAVING SAID WEST LINE NORTH 890911" EAST, 393.50 FEET TO A 5/8" REBAR SET; THENCE NORTH 0023 20" WEST, 60.00 FEET TO A 5/8" REBAR SET; THENCE NORTH 890911" EAST, 946.22 FEET (PASSING THROUGH A 5/8" REBAR SET AT 906.22 FEET) TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 8.60 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AND SUBJECT TO ALL LEGAL RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND EASEMENT. (THIS DESCRIPTION IS FROM A SURVEY RECORDED JANUARY 13, 2015 AS INSTRUMENT NO.20150116 AND IS DESIGNATED AS TRACT 3 ON SUCH SURVEY.)**

**More commonly known as:** 845 N Borcharding Rd, Madison, IN 47250

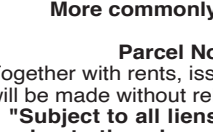
**Parcel No.** 39-08-3 I-000-009.003-006

Together with rents, issues, income, and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws.

**"Subject to all liens, encumbrances and easements of record not otherwise extinguished in the proceedings known as Cause No. 39C01-2310-MF-000868 in the Circuit/Superior Court of the County of Jefferson, Indiana."**

**Plaintiff Attorney:**  
Matthew C. Gladwell (30493-49)  
Christopher J. Arlinghaus (31680-15)  
Aaron Rodgers (28418-84)  
Reisenfeld & Associates LLC  
3962 Red Bank Road  
Cincinnati, OH 45227  
Voice: (513) 322-7000  
Facsimile: (513) 322-7099

Ben Flint, Sheriff of Jefferson County  
845 N Borcharding Rd,  
Madison, IN 47250  
Street Address



**LEGAL  
NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE**

DLC#:C306-171

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Switzerland County, Indiana, in Cause No. 78C01-2203-MF-000051, wherein U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely in its capacity as Indenture Trustee of CIM Trust 2021-NR1 was Plaintiff, and Lisa M. Mckittrick, Jeffrey G. Mckittrick, CACH, LLC, Portfolio America Asset Management, LLC assignee of HSBC Card Services, Inc., Asset Acceptance, LLC, Mariner Finance, LLC and General Electric Credit Union, were the Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and costs, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 4th day of February, 2025, at 11:00 A.M. of said day, at 405 Liberty St, Vevay, IN 47043, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Switzerland County, Indiana:

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE IN SWITZERLAND COUNTY, STATE OF INDIANA: LOT NO. 12 AND LOT NO. 13 IN BLOCK '23', OF THE PLAT OF THE 'OHIO VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY'S SUBDIVISION (S/C) OF LOTS, LOCATED IN POSEY TOWNSHIP, SWITZERLAND COUNTY, INDIANA, WHICH PLAT THEREOF APPEARS OF RECORD IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF SAID SWITZERLAND COUNTY, INDIANA, IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 1, THEREOF. AND, LOCATED IN POSEY TOWNSHIP, SWITZERLAND COUNTY, INDIANA, BEING LOT NO. 11 IN BLOCK 23 OF THE PLAT OF THE 'OHIO VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY' SUBDIVISION OF LOTS, AS SHOWN IN DEED RECORD 89, PACE 209 OF THE RECORDS OF SWITZERLAND COUNTY, INDIANA.

78-11-07-111-001.000-006 & 78-11-07-111-002.000-006 and commonly known as: 2312 South Drive, Patriot, IN 47038.

Subject to all liens, encumbrances, rights of redemption, easements and restrictions of record not otherwise foreclosed and extinguished in the proceedings known as Cause # 78C01-2203-MF-000051 in the Circuit Court of the County of Switzerland Indiana, and subject to all real estate taxes, and assessments currently due, delinquent or which are to become a lien.


Said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney.

Doyle & Foutty, P.C. Brian Morton  
41 E Washington St, Switzerland County Sheriff  
STE 400 Indianapolis, Posey Township  
IN 46204 2312 South Drive, Patriot, IN 47038

**The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein**

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**LEGAL  
NOTICE**

**Legal Notice  
Notice of Public Hearing for  
Zone Map Change**

Notice is hereby given that the Jefferson County, Indiana, Plan Commission on January 7, 2025, at 5:30 P.M., at the Jefferson County Surveyor's Office, located at 315 Jefferson St., Courthouse Annex Bldg., Madison, Indiana, will conduct a public hearing for an application requesting a Zone Map Change from Residential and Agricultural to General Business.

Interested persons may appear in person or by counsel to present their views upon the proposed application for a Zone Map Change. Written comments or objections to this application may be filed with the Secretary of the Plan Commission at/or before the hearing and will be considered by the Plan Commission.

The hearing may be continued from time to time as the Commission may deem necessary. A copy of the application is on file in the Jefferson County Plan Commission Office at 315 Jefferson Street, Courthouse Annex Building, Madison, Indiana, for public examination. The Jefferson County Planning & Zoning Office can be contacted at 812-274-3928 or by email at [taylor.baulac@jeffersoncounty.in.gov](mailto:taylor.baulac@jeffersoncounty.in.gov)

The Nature of the Requested Zone Map Change is:

**Parcel number 39-04-09-000-015.000-005: To construct a 10,640 square feet building and parking lot for a commercial retail development.**


At the following commonly known address: **10000 N SR 7, Dupont, IN, 47231**

In Lancaster Township and more fully described at Sec 9, T 5, R 9

Application submitted by: **Jerry B and David B Ferguson**

By order of the Jefferson County, Indiana Plan Commission

Attest: Taylor Baulac, PC Administrator/Secretary




**LEGAL  
NOTICE**

**Plan Commission  
Legal Notice  
MEETING DATE:** January 13, 2025, at 5:30 PM  
**MEETING PLACE:** Madison City Hall, 101 W. Main Street Madison, IN 47250  
A. Roll Call  
B. Approval of minutes  
C. Tabled Applications  
D. New Applications  
1. **PCAF-24-17:** Duane Raab – Application to Amend the Final Plat. The applicant is requesting to amend parcel ID: 39-13-02-134-028.000-007. Location: 117 St Michaels Ave Zoned: Historic District Residential (HDR)  
2. **PCRZ-24-10:** Ryan Leach – Application to Amend the Official Zoning Map. The applicant is requesting to rezone parcel ID: 39-13-01-223-061.000-007 from Open Space (OS) to Historic District Residential (HDR). Location: 1023 Vaughn Dr Zoned: Open Space (OS)  
E. Next Meeting: Monday, February 10, 2025, at 5:30 PM

**For the purpose of hearing oral comments concerning the listed applications, a public hearing will be held on January 13, 2025, at 5:30 PM in City Hall, 101 W. Main St., Madison, IN 47250. You are hereby advised that a copy of said proposal is on file for examination before the hearing in the Office of Planning, Preservation, & Design, 101 W. Main Street, Madison, IN 47250. Written objections to the proposal that are filed with the secretary of the commission before the hearing will be considered. The hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary. BY ORDER OF THE MADISON CITY PLAN COMMISSION**

Ray Dibaya, Associate Planner  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**LEGAL NOTICE  
JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA PLAN COMMISSION  
and JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA, BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**


Notice is hereby given that the Jefferson County, Indiana Plan Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a joint meeting on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at 5:00 P.M., in the Jefferson County Courthouse Annex, Surveyor's Office, 315 Jefferson Street, Madison, IN. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the appointment of Pat Magrath as attorney for the Plan Commission & Board of Zoning Appeals and to approve the attorney agreement for the year 2025. BY ORDER OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA, PLAN COMMISSION and BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.

By: Taylor B. Baulac, Secretary, Jefferson County Plan Commission & Board of Zoning Appeals



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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**LEGAL NOTICE  
JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA PLAN COMMISSION**

Notice is hereby given that the Jefferson County, Indiana Plan Commission will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at 5:30 P.M., at the Surveyor's Office, 315 Jefferson St., Courthouse Annex Bldg., Madison, Indiana. The purpose of the hearing is to hear an application for Zone Map Change (rezoning) filed by Jerry B and David B Ferguson for the following parcel to be rezoned from Residential and Agricultural to General Business: Parcel number 39-04-09-000-015.000-005. Following the public hearing, the Jefferson County Plan Commission will hold its REGULAR MEETING to discuss recommendation of the Zone Map Change as well as a Zoning Enforcement. The Plan Commission may consider any other business that comes before it at this date and time. BY ORDER OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA PLAN COMMISSION.

By: Taylor Baulac, Administrative Staff, Jefferson County Plan Commission.




**LEGAL NOTICE**

**STATE OF INDIANA  
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON  
SS:  
IN THE JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT  
CAUSE NUMBER: 39C01-2412-JT-000016**

IN THE MATTER OF THE TERMINATION OF THE PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP: TL - DOB 3/24/2016 AND LAWRENCE KITHONGO (ALLEGED FATHER) AND ANY UNKNOWN ALLEGED FATHERS

**SUMMONS FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION & NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS HEARING**

TO: Lawrence Kithongo and Any Unknown Alleged Father  
Whereabouts unknown



**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**

to the above noted parent whose whereabouts are unknown, as well as Any Unknown Alleged Fathers, whose whereabouts are also unknown, that the Indiana Department of Child Services has filed a Petition for Involuntary Termination of your Parental Rights, and that an adjudication hearing has been scheduled with the Court.

**YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED** to appear before the Judge of the Jefferson Circuit Court, 300 East Main Street, Madison, IN 47250-3537 - 812-265-8930 for a(n) Initial/Fact Finding Hearing on 2/14/2025 at 1:00 PM and to answer the Petition for Termination of your Parental Rights of said child.

You are further notified that if the allegations in said petition are true, and/or if you fail to appear at the hearing, the Juvenile Court may terminate your parent-child relationship; and if the Court terminates your parent-child relationship you will lose all parental rights, powers, privileges, immunities, duties and obligations including any rights to custody, control, visitation, or support in said child; and if the Court terminates your parent-child relationship, it will be permanently terminated, and thereafter you may not contest an adoption or other placement of said child.

You are entitled to representation by an attorney, provided by the State if applicable, throughout these proceedings to terminate the parent-child relationship. If you have been appointed an attorney in the Child in Need of Services action involving the above-named child(ren), that attorney may not be automatically appointed to represent you in these proceedings. You must appear at the hearing currently scheduled in this matter and request that the Court appoint an attorney to represent you in these proceedings to terminate the parent-child relationship.

**YOU MUST RESPOND** by appearing in person or by an attorney within thirty (30) days after the last publication of this notice, and in the event you fail to do so, adjudication on said petition and termination of your parental rights may be entered against you, in your absence, without further notice.

Tabatha Eblen  
Clerk  
Brady Jette, 38657-15  
Attorney, Indiana Department of Child Services


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**LEGAL NOTICE**

The Hanover Township Board will be holding a public meeting on Tuesday, January 7, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. at the Hanover Park Building, 200 Spruce Lane in Hanover, In. 47243. The purpose of this meeting is to organize by electing one member as Chairman and one member for Secretary for 2025 for the Township Board. Members of the Township will organize Township Board of Finance by electing one as president and one as secretary for a period of one year. The Trustee and Board members will sign Nepotism agreement.

Lucy J. Anderson  
Hanover Township Trustee



**LEGAL NOTICE**

**Board of Zoning Appeals  
Legal Notice  
MEETING DATE:** January 13, 2025, at 6:00 PM  
**MEETING PLACE:** Madison City Hall-Council Chambers  
**A. Roll Call**  
**B. Approval of Minutes**  
**C. Renewals**  
1. Madison Elks Lodge #524 – Conditional Use Permit for a lodge to include food service, bar, and meeting rooms. Location: 1251 W Main St Zoned: Heavy Manufacturing District (M-2)  
Five-Year Renewal  
2. Stuart & Kimberly Hizey – Conditional Use Permit for a guest house. Location: 215 East St Zoned: Historic District Residential (HDR)  
One-Year Renewal  
3. Shawn Sands – Conditional Use Permit for a wrestling facility. Location: 2520 Lanier Drive, Suite C Zoned: Heavy Manufacturing District (M-2)  
One-Year Renewal  
4. Susan Reed Smith – Conditional Use Permit to allow for animal sales and swap at the Madison Indiana Flea Market/Animal Swap. The following Conditions apply:  
1. 4th Saturday of March through October  
2. 8am-4pm  
3. Submit parking plan.  
4. Adhere to all relevant health and safety laws.  
5. Must file emergency action plan.  
6. No camping.  
7. No amplified music.  
8. No fireworks.  
9. No alcohol.  
10. No firearms as agreed and stated by applicant.  
11. Permitted as an animal swap meet only – 829.  
12. CUP may be revoked and/or fines incurred if specified conditions aren't met.  
13. Animals have to be food producing animals – no animals sold for/as pets.  
14. Food producing plants only – no house plants.  
15. Allowed one bounce house.  
16. Allowed two refreshment food vendors.  
17. No other retail.  
18. Petting Zoo allowed.  
19. Items produced from animals on farm such as eggs.  
Location: 2355 N K Rd Zoned: Residential Agricultural (RA)  
One-Year Renewal  
**D. Tabled Applications**  
1. **BZCU-24-60:** Jeffrey Shields – Conditional Use Permit for a short-term rental. Location: 309 Jefferson St Zoned: Central Business District (CBD)  
2. **BZVD-24-48:** Larry and Joni Hoffman – Variance from Development Standards for setbacks and lot width. Location: 1211 W Main St Zoned: Medium Density Residential (R-8)  
**E. New Applications**  
1. **BZVD-24-49:** Claude Rotet – Variance from Development Standards for setbacks. Location: 826 Fillmore St Zoned: Historic District Residential (HDR)  
**F. Old Business**  
1. Mike Anderson – Conditional Use Permit for a tattoo studio. Location: 408/418 Mulberry St Zoned: Central Business District (CBD)  
One-Year Renewal  
G. Motion to adjourn  
H. Next meeting: Monday, February 10, 2025, at 6:00 PM

**For the purpose of hearing those for or against said applications, a public hearing will be held on Monday, January 13, 2025, at 6:00 PM in City Hall, 101 W. Main Street Madison, IN 47250. BY ORDER OF THE MADISON CITY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Ray Dibaya, Associate Planner  
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# Davis leads 91-62 Irish rout of Le Moyne

SOUTH BEND — Tae Davis scored 24 points — 12 in each half — and Notre Dame breezed to a 91-62 victory over Le Moyne on Sunday night. Davis made 6 of 10 shots from the floor and 12 of 14 free throws for the Fighting Irish (7-5), who improved to 6-1 at home. He added six rebounds. Braeden Shrewsberry totaled 16 points and Logan Imes scored 11 off the bench for Notre Dame. Dwayne Koroma led the Dolphins (5-9) with 22

points on 9-for-11 shooting. He grabbed eight rebounds. Robby Carmody made all eight of his free throws and scored 13. AJ Dancler scored 10.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF INDIANA  
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF JEFFERSON COUNTY  
ESTATE NUMBER 39C01-24  
12-EU-000081

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF FRANCES O. WILKERSON, DECEASED.  
*William Joseph Jenner, JENNER, PATTISON & SHARPE, 508 E. Main Street, Madison, IN 47250; (812) 265-5132*

**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FRANCES O. WILKERSON, DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given that Gloria L. Farrell was, on the 12th day of December, 2024, appointed personal representative of the estate of Frances O. Wilkerson, deceased, who died on the 7th day of November, 2024.

All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent’s death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 12th day of December, 2024.

*/s/ Tabatha Eblen*  
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, IN  
*(seal) hspaxlp*



## LEGAL NOTICE

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED

**NOTICE OF SHERIFF’S SALE**

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree directed to me from the Clerk of the Superior Court of Jefferson County, Indiana, in Cause No. 39D01-2405-MF-000441, wherein U.S. Bank National Association, as Indenture Trustee for the CIM Trust 2019-R3 Mortgage-Backed Notes, Series 2019-R3 was the Plaintiff, and Patricia Smith; and State of Indiana - Department of Revenue were the Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree, with interest and costs, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder on January 23, 2025, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. EST, or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 1150 JA Berry Ln, Madison, IN 47250, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Jefferson County, Indiana:

A PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST, DESCRIBED THUS: BEGINNING AT A POINT THAT IS TRUE EAST 1080.83 FEET AND TRUE SOUTH, 1189.07 FEET, OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION; THENCE SOUTH 51° 22’ E, 200 FEET TO THE CENTER OF THE EXISTING COUNTY ROAD; THENCE SOUTH 40° 49’ WEST, 100 FEET WITH THE COUNTY ROAD; THENCE NORTH 51° 25’ WEST, 200 FEET; THENCE NORTH 40° 39’ EAST, 100 FEET TO THE POINT BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.46 AN ACRE, MORE OR LESS. Parcel Number: 39-14-26-000-026.000-012 Commonly known as 4626 S. Hanover Saluda Rd., Hanover, IN 47243

Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws. This is an attempt by a debt collector to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. John B. Flatt, Attorney No. 20883-45 Ben Flint Attorney for Plaintiff Sheriff of Jefferson County NELSON & FRANKENBERGER, LLC Saluda Township 550 Congressional Blvd., Suite 210 4626 S. Hanover Carmel, IN 46032 Saluda Rd., Hanover, IN 47243 *Street Address*

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SERVICE DIRECTED TO:

Type of Service: Sheriff  
Patricia Smith  
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Hanover, IN 47243  
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## LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF INDIANA  
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF JEFFERSON COUNTY  
ESTATE NUMBER: 39C01-24  
12-EU-000084

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF NORMAN L. BRAMEIER, DECEASED.  
*William Joseph Jenner, JENNER, PATTISON & SHARPE, 508 E. Main Street, Madison, IN 47250; (812) 265-5132*

**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF NORMAN L. BRAMEIER, DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given that Brian Brameier and Kevin Brameier were, on the 16th day of December, 2024, appointed personal representatives of the estate of Norman L. Brameier, deceased, who died on the 16th day of November, 2024.

All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent’s death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 16th day of December, 2024.

*/s/ Tabatha Eblen*  
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, IN  
*(seal) hspaxlp*



## LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF INDIANA  
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF JEFFERSON COUNTY  
ESTATE NUMBER: 39C01-24  
12-EU-000083

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF DENNIS ALLEN GRAY, DECEASED.  
*William Joseph Jenner, JENNER, PATTISON & SHARPE, 508 E. Main Street, Madison, IN 47250; (812) 265-5132*

**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DENNIS ALLEN GRAY, DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given that Brice Gray and Brent Gray were, on the 12th day of December, 2024, appointed personal representatives of the estate of Dennis Allen Gray, deceased, who died on the 24th day of September, 2021.

All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent’s death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 16th day of December, 2024.

*/s/ Tabatha Eblen*  
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, IN  
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# Vonn: Her new titanium knee could start trend in skiing, sports

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ST. MORITZ, Switzerland — When Lindsey Vonn last raced on the World Cup circuit nearly six years ago, the constant pain in her knee left her in tears and led to retirement.

Flash forward to Vonn's comeback race on a titanium knee at age 40 last weekend, and the American skiing standout couldn't have felt more different.

No more pain. No more swelling. No more tears.

"The last few years of my career were so much different than they are right now. I'm skiing without thinking about my knee, which I really haven't done since I first tore my ACL in 2013. So it's been a long time that I felt this good," Vonn said Saturday after placing 14th in a super-G in St. Moritz. "I'm a little bit older, but honestly I'm a hell of a lot stronger than I once was."

So much stronger that she's talking up her knee replacement surgery — the first of its kind in World Cup skiing — as a new frontier for the sport.

In April, Vonn had a robot-assisted replacement performed by Martin Roche, a South Flori-



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**U.S. athletic Lindsey Vonn, 40, competes in an alpine ski, women's World Cup super G, in St. Moritz, Switzerland on Saturday in her comeback race with a new titanium knee.**

da-based orthopedist specializing in complex knee disorders. Part of the bone in her right knee was cut off and replaced by two titanium pieces. A month later, she was planning her comeback.

"It's a lot better than my non-existent cartilage," said Vonn, one of the most successful skiers of all time with 82 World Cup wins. "I've talked to a lot of skiers already about it and I really think that it could be something that should be considered."

"I feel amazing. I mean, obviously not everyone responds the same way to surgeries. For some reason, I bounce back pretty well

from surgery. But I think it's something to seriously consider for athletes that have a lot of knee problems."

Knee replacements are usually reserved for older people

Andrea Panzeri, the Italian Winter Sports Federation's head physician and an orthopedist who has operated numerous times on Vonn's good friend and fellow downhiller, Sofia Goggia, said knee replacements are usually performed on patients older than 50.

"This is definitely the first time in World Cup history that such a young athlete has raced with one," Panzeri told The Associated Press. "And I'm not aware of any

other elite-level athletes in other sports competing with one, either."

Panzeri performs knee replacements. But he had never even thought about doing one on a World Cup skier — until he saw Vonn competing with one.

"Partial prosthetics, like the half-knee ones, are definitely the ones that offer the best performance and we're seeing that (with Vonn)," Panzeri said. "I don't think her decision is going to change pro sports. But it could provide more motivation for so-called 'normal' people to try a prosthetic."

Three-time Grand Slam tennis champion Andy Murray played with an artificial hip at the end of his career. Vonn's former skiing teammate Julia Mancuso also redid her hip a few months after she retired in 2018 and maintains an active lifestyle.

"I, for sure, would have considered a comeback if I didn't have kids," Mancuso told The AP recently. "So I can totally relate to Lindsey."

But Panzeri said that "hips have different biomechanics than a knee and many more people are able to play sports with a hip

prosthetic than a knee prosthetic."

Knee replacements are not likely to become like Tommy John surgery

Elan Goldwaser, a sports medicine physician at Columbia University Medical Center who works with the U.S. Ski Team, has seen many athletes come to his clinic for knee replacements but not elite-level competitors.

So, is Vonn's operation going to be a trend-setter in skiing?

"I wouldn't say it's the go-to like in baseball with Tommy John surgery," Goldwaser said in St. Moritz. "But if it's necessary, it's a good procedure to do."

Vonn's coach says her fitness level helped her deal with the replacement

Chris Knight, Vonn's personal coach, said they had questions over whether her titanium knee would hold up to the forces required to navigate downhill skiing turns at 80 mph as she hurls herself down steep mountains.

"There was not a lot of research out there with high-level athletes and partial knee replacements," Knight said. "It is a new frontier. But so far every-

thing's working really well... And I would not be surprised if other people do it because the results that Lindsey's had, with no pain and no swelling, have been unbelievable.

"Granted, she stayed in great shape the entire time she hasn't been racing. So, that probably helped. I mean, if you're sitting around as a non-active skier and not doing anything with your fitness, then maybe it wouldn't be as effective. But if you're an athlete who's got some knee problems, from what I'm seeing, I wouldn't be saying no to them."

Vonn's new knee also left an impression on U.S. Ski Team head coach Paul Kristofic.

"I'm definitely due for one myself," Kristofic said. "I'm going to talk to her."

Still, there are doubters. Four-time overall World Cup champion Pirmin Zurbriggen told Swiss tabloid Blick last week that "there is a risk that Vonn will tear her artificial knee to pieces."

But Panzeri said the titanium does not rupture.

"Absolutely not," he said. "It's a small prosthetic that doesn't break."

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